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The Senior Class

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South Bend Catholic High School

South Bend, Indiana

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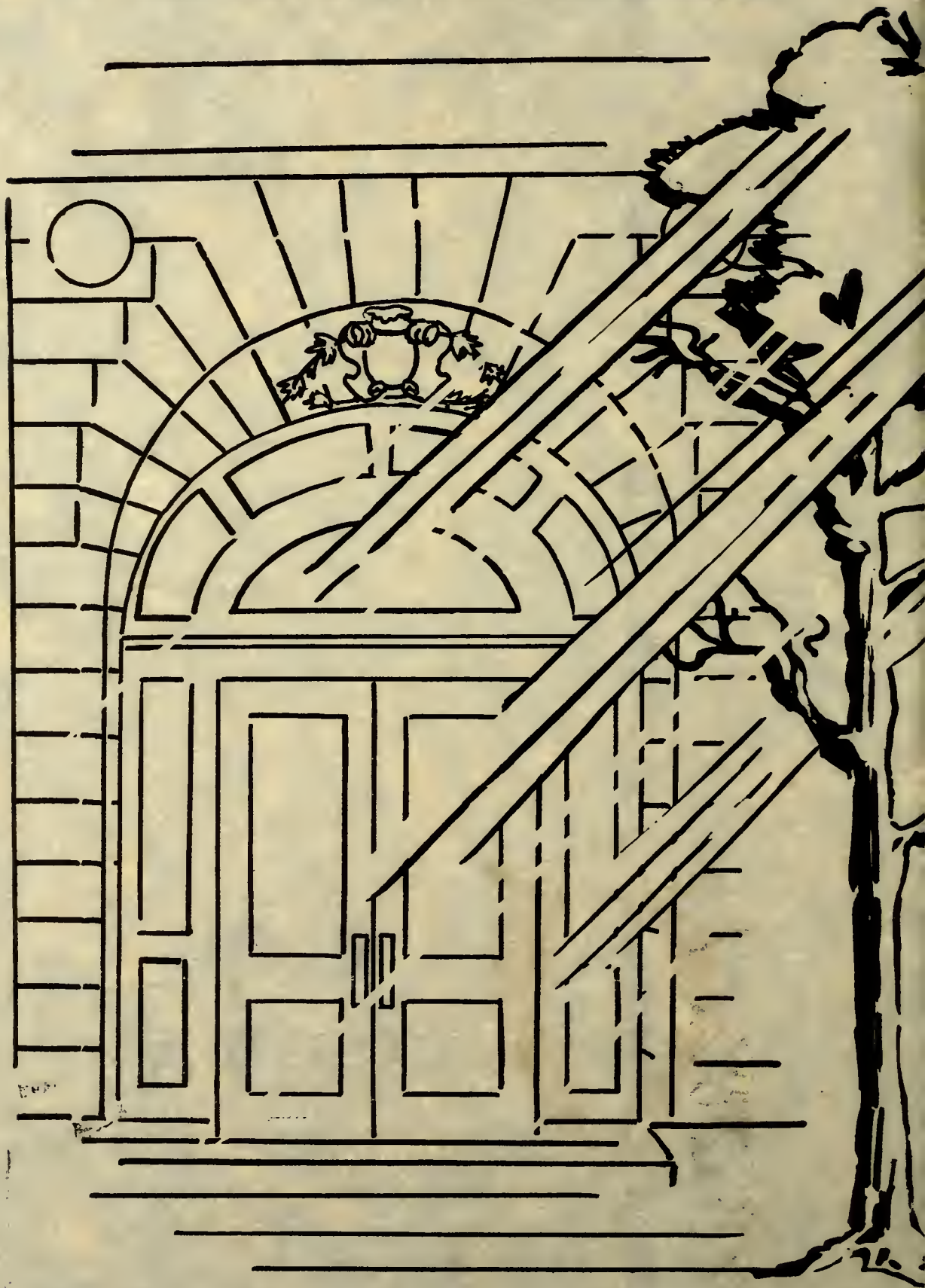
THE VICTORIAN

The true object of all study is to find truth. Having sought and found it have courage to follow wherever truth guides.



As the sun's warm beams filter their way through the leafy strainer of a mighty tree, a crazy-quilt pattern of light and shadow is molded over crest and trough of root and ground. The patterns of light and life are coincidental, for life, too, is composed of light and absence of light — truth and absence of truth. We trace the rays of daylight back to the sun of the universe. Accordingly, we trace the truths of life back to the Son of God. These truths render us the ability to see and to know, and as long as there is a desire to possess this ability, the quest for truth shall never end. Yet, the quest must and does end, when the desire is realized on the day of judgment. Not unlike the shadows formed by the obscured light under the tree, the rays of truth are often eclipsed by diverse obstacles. In the Divine plan it was deemed fitting that the Life of Truth, Itself, should be extinguished on the Tree of the Cross, for short duration, only to shine eternally . . .

T. B.

Dedication

The Class of 1953 dedicates this volume of The Victorian to the devoted Founders, Teachers, and Patrons of South Bend Catholic. These champions of God's truth realized the craving thirst of youth —the thirst for a Catholic education and they did more than realize this thirst. They quenched it. Yes, their Christian hearts in heroic sacrifice, labored long and hard to create more than a school judged by ordinary standards. They strived to establish a stronghold of Catholicism producing men and women of knowledge, character, and virtue. Their efforts have not gone unrewarded for numbered among our alumni are outstanding personalities in all walks of life, but even more important are the graduates, who living average lives have been an inspiration to their families and friends. We say many thanks and God's choicest blessings to you, the people, whose invincible spirit and untiring efforts made possible this South Bend Catholic High School.

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The first deep-rooted yearning in the human heart is the yearning for life.

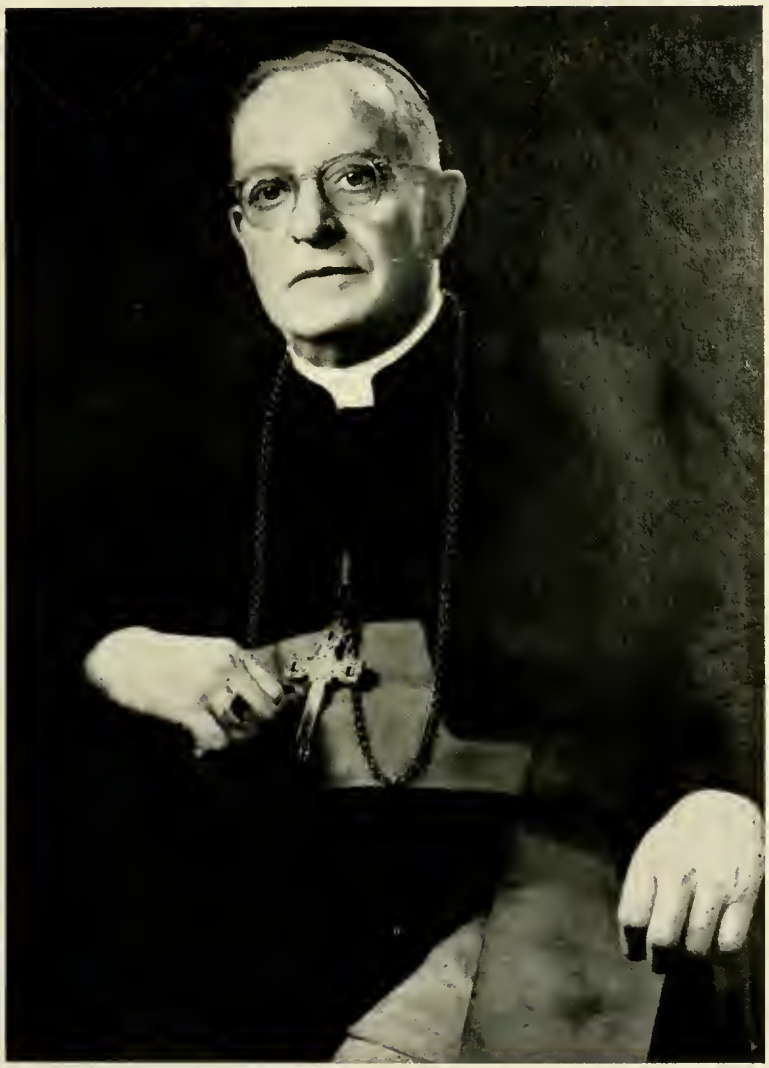
The second fundamental inclination which burns in every human breast is the desire to know truth.

F. J. Sheen

Truth is inclusive of all the virtues, is older than sects or schools, and like charity, more ancient than mankind.

A. B. Alcott

THE MOST REVEREND JOHN F. NOLL, D. D.



Sending a blessing to the faculty and students of South Bend Catholic on the occasion of its Silver Jubilee, I am,

Yours sincerely in Christ,

+ J. F. NOLL
Bishop of Fort Wayne

The Reverend Stanislaus Gruza, C. S. C.

FOUNDER

A Message From the Founder

"On the occasion of this grand celebration of the Silver Jubilee of the South Bend Catholic High School, I extend my deepest esteem and respect to the past and present staffs of teachers, both Sisters and Priests, for their heroic sacrifice; my congratulations to all the Polish parishes and their spiritual Leaders for the co-operation they have shown in maintaining the Institution: and God's choicest blessings to all the organizations, societies and individual citizens, who in any way, whether morally or materially, have contributed to its success. May God bless the South Bend Catholic High School and its ardent and faithful supporters."

April 26, 1953
Chicago, Illinois.

REVEREND S. A. GRUZA, C.S.C.

THE STORY
of
SOUTH BEND CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

"Sanctify them in truth" (John XVII, 17)

To the numerous souls who had followed the Divine Master throughout the ages, this prayerful desire of the Saviour had become His urgent appeal for apostolic laborers, who would work for the sanctification of others through prayer, sacrifice and teaching. Our religious leaders and teachers answered this call by dedicating themselves to the sublime mission of gaining souls for Christ, sanctifying them through Catholic Education.

While we observe the twenty-fifth anniversary of this school's existence, it seems in order to mention and gratefully acknowledge all that the Good Lord has accomplished through His ministers and servants, and likewise to include a brief historical sketch of this school—the Alma Mater, through whose unassuming portals hundreds of young men and women have passed into all walks of life.

For many years, those who understood youth and the responsibilities of life, observed with regret that so many of our boys and girls were deprived of a Catholic High School education which would provide for a natural continuation of what was begun at home and in the grammar school. It was here that the religious and the educational aspects were correlated with the training and developing of cultural abilities and ideals so close to the heart of every Pole. It was obvious that youth from these schools could derive much benefit and inspiration, if given the opportunity to draw further from sources imbued with this spirit.

The possibilities for such opportunities were to be realized in September, 1928, when the Reverend Stanislaus A. Gruza, C.S.C., decided that the time has come . . . . a Catholic High School was to be started right there in his parish . . . . that same year . . . .

Foreground—St. Hedwig High, the original S. B. C. H. Background—St. Hedwig Elementary School which housed some of the classes due to lack of space in the high school.

With the devoted assistance of Sister M. Severina, C.S.C., the principal, plans were discussed and final preparations made. The approval and the benediction of His Excellency, the Most Reverend John F. Noll, D.D., was received. Help and willing hands were summoned. And so, the pastor began to gradually realize a great noble ideal, an ideal, which seemed by far greater than the means he had on hand to attain it. There was no building to call

"the high school building" and funds, as usual, were low. However, a start was made. Some classrooms in the grade school were set aside for the High School use and were equipped to meet the demands of the program. The school was named Saint Hedwig High School under the patronage of Our Lady of Victory. The first High School faculty consisted of: The Reverend Casimir J. Witucki, C.S.C., Sister M. Severina, C.S.C., Sister M. Christella, C.S.C., Sister M. Francella, C.S.C., and later Dr. B. J. Bolka, instructor in Health, and Mr. Albin Hosinski, instructor in the Commercial Department.

The official opening took place on September 4, 1928. During the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass celebrated by the Reverend Gruza, the faculty and the students prayed for God's blessings upon the whole enterprise. The Very Rev. Msgr. John Osadnik addressed the student body during the school assembly, other speakers on this occasion were: The Reverend Witucki, assistant pastor, Mr. Clement S. Smogor and Mr. G. W. J. Kalczynski.

The registration was held at the rectory. Tuition was one dollar per month. Thirty three freshmen were enrolled. Classes were organized on the opening day and regular schedules for both the classical, college preparatory, and the commercial courses were arranged. That same year saw the organization of a Glee Club under the direction of Mr. C. F. Luzny. Volley Ball teams were organized for the girls and Football teams for the boys—Father Witucki was Athletic Director and conducted the Religion and the Latin classes. Mr. M. E. Fischer, was coach and instructor.

The school grew — more space was needed! Adjacent to the elementary school stands a frame building, a relic dear to the people of St. Hedwig. Originally it served our pioneers as a church and later, a school building. It has been called "the cradle of learning" since for many years "almost everyone's education started there" . . . . Plans were were made to remodel this building and convert it into a temporary high school building. The South Bend Society, of the Polish National Alliance, donated a special fund for this purpose, other Polish organizations and local church societies raised funds for the equipment of the Science and the Commercial Department. The St. Hedwig Alumni Association and individual parishioners had given much time, labor and funds to advance the good work. This general enthusiasm and good will produced amazing results. The remodeled building gave the high school a typing room, a music room, a spacious study hall and an enlarged library.

Soon the school won the approval of School City Administration and was ready to open a Sophomore class the following year, and later the Junior and the Senior classes.

In the course of the year, the school was honored by distinguished guests and speakers from Notre Dame and elsewhere: The Very Rev. J. W. Donahue, C.S.C., the Very Rev. James E. Burns, C.S.C., and the Reverends Dr. S. F. Lisewski, C.S.C., Raymond Murch, C.S.C., Dr. A. Hope, C.S.C., Eugene Burke, C.S.C., Cornelius Laskowski, C.S.C., J. Dillon, Diocesan Supervisor of schools, and others.

The second year saw an additional enrollment of students, and the third a doubled enrollment

SISTER M. SEVERINA, C.S.C.
First Principal

It was during this year that athletics were fully organized under the direction of Father Witucki and Mr. Sigmund Sadlowski as coach. Games were scheduled with other high schools of the city and out of town games were played. The entire student body participated in the games and accompanied the "Lions" to cheer them to victory.

By the fourth year we had an enrollment of one hundred and seventy six students. The school accreditation was obtained in this year. Dr. F. E. Allen, Superintendent of the South Bend Public Schools, and Mr. G. Murray, representative of the State Department of Public Instruction, of Indianapolis, visited the school and found it "well equipped and in good order, therefore worthy of accredit-

ment". This important step forward strengthened the school's scholastic standing.

Came June, 1932 . . . . preparations were being made for the first graduation at St. Hedwig High! We read in the Sunday Visitor of that great occasion: "The city of South Bend was touched to the heart, seeing its dreams realized, when after four years of hard labor St. Hedwig's High School graduated its first seniors . . . . The ceremonies of graduation began Sunday morning, June 5, at 7:30 o'clock, when nineteen students wearing caps and gowns marched up the aisle to the solemn tune of a march played by Professor Luzny. The Solemn High Mass was celebrated, after which the Baccalaureate sermon was preached by Rev. Anthony Zubowicz, C.S.C., who spoke on Higher Education and cautioned the graduates to be true to the ideals instilled in them during the four years at their Alma Mater.

"Class night was observed at 8:15 on Monday night in the parish auditorium, Prominent speakers were: The Rev. Dr. S. F. Lisewski, C.S.C., and Professor Clarence E. Manion of Notre Dame. The former, speaking to the graduates, stressed the importance of education and character in leading a good wholesome life. On the other hand, Prof. Manion directed his remarks chiefly to the parents, who by their sacrifices made this commencement possible. He complimented the school on its success in graduating the first senior class, and advised the students, as well as the Polish people, in general, to cling to their customs and culture for from an atmosphere like this sprang the independence of the colonies and the Constitution of the United States,' he said."

"Another distinguished guest speaker was the Hon. Thaddeus Bujnowski, acting Consul of the Republic of Poland, and Prof. Stanislaus Galazka, Educational Instructor of the Polish Ministry of Education in Warsaw, Poland . . . . In addressing the graduates they praised the national spirit, the loyalty to both Poland and America, which they said prevails in the small wooden building.—St. Hedwig High School."

"The teachers who assisted so successfully in building up the first Catholic High School were: Sisters Francella, Christella, Agnetta, Danielita, Angelus, Anthony Mary, Mirriam Rita, Francis Gabriel, Joan Elizabeth and the Reverend Casimir J. Witucki, C.S.C."

— THE GRADUATES OF 1932 —

"To Sister M. Severina, C.S.C., during these four struggling years as principal and teacher, is due much of the success. It is her untiring energy, keeness of foresight and great zeal, with which she undertook her duties in the High School, that steered the small institution through the first four years of its existence.

In September, 1932, Mr. Cesare Janisheske became coach of the Football team, through his efforts the team was led to success and prominence resulting in the winning of the city championship that year. He also taught classes; others who helped teaching during these first years were: Mrs. John Paczesny, in charge of the Domestic Science Department; Mr. Anthony Kuharich, instructor in English, Dramatics and Orchestra, and later Mr. Wm Paege, also director of orchestra. Mrs. Helen Slominski, Mr. Louis Woodka and Miss Marie Buczkowski had also given much of their time and talent directing and teaching the students Music and Dramatics. The parishioners of St. Hedwig and their friends always welcomed vocal and musical programs for in these talent and much ability were displayed.

Reverend
F. X. Luzny, C.S.C.

Reverend
B. J. Sztuczko, C.S.C.

Oratorical contests were arranged at certain intervals by the student organizations: Platonian Club, Shakespearean Club, Conrad Club, Reymont Club, Mickiewicz Club—the students were thus given an opportunity for public speaking and cultural advancement.

In 1934, Father Gruza was transfered. In parting, he expressed his deep appreciation to all who helped to make the High School a reality. He entreated that they keep up this great work for God's greater honor and glory. Father Gruza was succeeded by the Rev. Francis X. Luzny, C.S.C., who like his predecessor loved youth and gave himself unsparingly to the advancement of their education.

At this time, Father Witucki was given a new assignment. His zealous work in organizing and equipping the school, and later in conducting classes and directing athletics entitle him to much credit for the success of the school. Father Witucki was succeeded by the Rev. S. Jankowski, C.S.C., who took over his duties with the usual earnestness of his apostolic soul.

The general financial depression of the next few years was felt keenly by most institutions. It was felt more so, by our school whose material upkeep has always been a special concern of all its directors. With the growth of enrollment, there was also the growth of activities and this meant increased expenditures. It was obvious that the financial maintenance of the school could no longer depend upon the donations and resources of one parish only. Yet, be what may, there was the popular demand that St. Hedwig High continue its work for the good of our youth. The matter was referred to the Polish American Civic Committee composed of fifty-eight Polish organizations of South Bend and Mishawaka. Here it was decided that the four local parishes share in this responsibility of financially maintaining the school. It was at this time that the South Bend Catholic High School Board of Trustees was formed with the following members

Reverend
C. J. Witucki, C.S.C.

Reverend
S. A. Jankowski, C.S.C.

as directors: Rev. F. X. Luzny, C.S.C., Pastor of St. Hedwig, School Director; Rt. Rev. Msgr. John Osadnik, Pastor of St. Adalbert Parish; Rev. S. J. Gorka, C.S.C., Pastor of St. Casimir Parish; Rev. Stanislaus Kuszynski, C.S.C., Pastor of Stanislaus Parish; Mr. J. S. Buczkowski, President; Mr.

Chester Lisek, Vice-President; Miss Cornelia H. Kusnierek, Secretary; Mr. B. P. Minczewski, Treasurer; Mr. Edward Kowalski, Mr. Peter A. Beczkiewicz, Mrs. Cecilia Szulczyk, Mr. Bert Pejza, Mrs. Helen Slominski, Mr. Ladislaus Jaroszewski, Mrs. Helen Zwierzynski, Mr. Leo J. Chlebowski, and Mr. Wojciech Wiatrowski. The Board arranged for drives, campaigns, and various activities throughout the city. The united efforts and mutual determination not only made the existence of the school possible, but also helped its general progress.

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The Summer of 1937 brought a change of the teaching staff. The Sisters of the Congregation of Holy Cross were succeeded by the Sisters of the Congregation of the Resurrection who assumed all duties at St. Hedwig's. The first High School staff of this congregation consisted of: Sister Pauline Agnes, C.R., Superior and Principal, Sister Stanislaus, Sister Theresa, Sister M. Catherine and Sister Dorothea.

Classes were resumed in September. The scholastic and the athletic programs remained much the same as in the preceeding years.

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Due to the increased enrollment, a new problem arose . . . a need for more classrooms and better accommodations. A general interest was awakened and inquiries were made. Within a few weeks, some good news was relayed . . . . there was a possibility of acquiring the Laurel or Pulaski School. The acting Committee headed by the Rev. S. Jankowski had taken things in hand and shortly after, the prospect of leasing the building became a reality on August 15, the feast of Our Lady.

The South Bend Tribune of August 16, 1938, had the following mention regarding this transaction: "The Pulaski (Laurel) Public School was leased by the School Board for a fifty year period as new quarters for St. Hedwig High School."

The official formality of presenting the building to the Board of Directors was connected with the dedication ceremonies. A senior student, Miss Loretta Ruszkowski, records these events in the Victorian of 1939, as follows: "The Dedication of the New High School . . . . An enthusiastic and triumphant group of two thousand individuals assembled before the former Pulaski Girls' Prevocational School on Sunday, September 11, 1938, to witness the official presentation of the school to the Polish American Central Civic Committee and take part in the dedication preceeded by a street parade which marked the opening of the day's ceremonies . . . . It was a day of which every student dreamed and talked, but far was it from the students' expectations that the dream would be so soon materialized. Thus, it was joyous faces that Mr. Allen, Superintendent of South Bend Public Schools saw when he placed with sincerest wishes the building in custody of the Centrala, and expresed his belief that soon the Poles would purchase this structure, now leased for fifty years . . . . The Very Rev. Msgr. Osadnik blessed the in-

The Laurel School which was converted to South Bend Catholic High

terior of the building, assisting him were Rev. Francis Luzny, Rev. S. Jankowski, Rev. S. Gorka, Rev. S. Kuszynski. Important speakers of the day were: Msgr. Osadnik and the Rev. S. Kuszynski, also Ex-Mayor, George W. Freyermuth, who aided in getting this building for our youth, Dr. B. J. Bolka, who at that time was Chairman of the School Board and Mr. J. S. Buczkowski, President of Centrala, who said that Religion should be a part of a child's education. The program began with patriotic zeal shown by the raising of the American flag; it ended with a sincere prayer by Msgr. Osadnik."

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And so, the St. Hedwig High School was moved to its new quarters . . . the name was changed to South Bend Catholic High School, under the patronage of Our Lady of Victory. Moving from one school to the other was a thrilling and exciting experience, but the most touching scene was the carrying of the beloved statue of Our Lady of Victory, by the students from the old school to the new with songs and prayers of devotion and loyalty to their Queen and Mother.

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Sister Pauline Agnes, the principal, and the faculty spared no efforts, time and labor to organize the classrooms and arrange the school program—classes were resumed on schedule.

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To aid the High School in the financial needs the Ladies Aid Society of the S.B.C.H., known now as the Parent-Teachers Association, was organized under the direction of the principal, Sister Pauline Agnes. Mrs. Frances Strauss was elected first President, Mrs. H. Zwierzynski, Vice-President, Mrs. Catherine Wesolowski, Recording Secretary, Mrs. Louise Wozniak, Financial Secretary, Miss Stella Ciesielski, Treasurer, and Mrs. Eva Gorka, Publicity Chairman. The members of this association have always given most generously of their time and labor—social activities were planned and funds were raised. It is with deep gratitude that we recall the self-sacrificing work and effort that was required to equip the Library with new steel shelving, additional books and supplies; the Cafeteria with tables and equipment; the Science Department with tables and instruments; the Commercial Department with more typewriters and supplies. The noble work begun by the pioneer members is still carried on with great devotion toward the school. May the Good Lord reward them!

On November 14, 1939, the faculty and students were highly honored by a visit of the Most Reverend Bishop John F. Noll. The honor and privilege was theirs again when in June His Excellency had taken part in the Senior Graduation Ceremony and distributed diplomas to the Class of 1939. The Reverend John Cavanaugh, C.S.C., delivered the Commencement Address. The ceremony took place in the St. Hedwig Parish Auditorium. This was the Eighth Annual Commencement—the most impressive and memorable in the history of the school.

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The Reverend Mother Teresa Kalkstein, C.R., Superior General of the Sisters of the Resurrection, who had been here from Rome, was our distinguished guest visitor in the High School in January, 1940. The students were honored and privileged to hear her message in the School Auditorium.

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December 7, 1941—Pearl Harbor Attack . . . . . War! Our graduates and students responded to their country's call, some enlisted, others were drafted into service. South Bend Catholic High was proud to display her Service Flag with one hundred and twenty nine blue stars, new stars being added as the months passed on. Those who remained at home and school also served by praying and participating in charitable and social affairs, bringing aid to our boys and to the victims of war. Some blue stars turned into gold when four of our students lost their lives—"killed in action at Guadal

Very Reverend Monsignor
IGNATIUS J. GAPCZYNSKI

canal" was Bernard Howland, U.S.M.C., ... somewhere in the Pacific"—Chester Guzicki A.A.F, Walter Ciesielski ,U.S.A., John Lindorf, U.S.A., and Steve Molnar, U.S.A. Let us keep their names in our prayerful memories . . .

The first number of the Hi-Lite our school paper, appeared in October, 1944. It is published monthly. The paper had met with great success winning first honor rating of the Catholic Press Association. The editorial policies of the initial issues are kept up; the paper retains its Catholic friendly spirit.

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In March, 1946, S. B. C. H. was privileged to hear the Rev. Patrick Peyton, C.S.C., introducing his Crusade of the Rosary. The students responded wholeheartedly and promised their earnest support in spreading this beautiful devotion. The Family Rosary has become a part of our school-family spirit. The Rosary is recited every day during the noon intermission.

The Reverend Boleslaus J. Sztuczko, C.S.C., became pastor of St. Hedwig, and director of South Bend Catholic High in 1946. Father Sztuczko has carried the financial burdens of the High School for all these years, and was always sincerely interested in the progress of the school.

June, 1948—saw the largest graduating class in the history of the school—eighty three seniors.

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The students joined St. Adalbert's Parish in rejoicing and congratulating their pastor, the Very Reverend Msgr. I. J. Gapczynski, who had been elevated to the rank of Papal Chamberlain. Msgr. I. Gapczynski has been a member of the Board of Directors of S.B.C.H. for years, his interest in youth and the problems of their education keeps him close to our school.

S. B. C. H. Further Progress

Since the next few years had very much in common, the leading activities of these recent times will be summarized under the given headings in the following pages

Music — As years went on, S.B.C.H extended its educational program by including Music, Art and Dramatics into its curriculum. The Glee Clubs under the direction of Sister Mary Grace, C.R., and Sister Marie Lillian, C.R., and the Orchestra directed by Mr. S. Gaska had given the individual student a valuable training and at the same time had given the school a very desirable and popular service, since they were frequently called upon to furnish music for the various entertainments during the year.

Art — The financial help of the Chopin's Arts Club organized in South Bend by Mrs. Helen Slominski, made it possible for the school to open an Art Department. The occasional art displays reveal unusual talents and keen interest in this field.

Dramatics — Dramatic performances always play an important part in the school program. Year in and year out, the entire school looks forward to the senior plays . . . and, for added interest and emulation . . . . the Senior Play in a double cast! It seems that the school year would be incomplete without the seniors presenting their skill and talents along the theatrical lines; be it a serious drama or an entertaining and lively comedy, the presentations are fully appreciated and enjoyed by all. Much talent for the senior plays is discovered in the usual class assemblies held during the previous years.

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Oratorical Contests — To provide opportunities for public speaking, oratorical contests continued with this added new aspect that the students compete with other High Schools in the city. Those who won special recognition in Speech Contests sponsored by the American Legion Oratorical Contests were: George Aranowski, Robert Kaminski, Emilie Adamski, Lorraine Cudowski, J. Bukowski, Vincent Weddle, Mary Lou Cudowski, James Mankowski. Some of the above mentioned had been frequently heard over the W.S.B.T. on the "Town Meeting Panel."

Winners in the Junior T. B. Christmas Seal Con-

tests were: Gertrude Chelminiak, Anita Slominski, and Tom Beczkiewicz.

Ray Kurowski and Joan Polman — awards from South Bend Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Mary Taberski—American Legion Womens' Auxiliary.

Emilie Adamski, Dolores Meuleman and Ted Chwalek—Studebaker C.I.O.

Patricia Michalski—South Bend Mishawaka International Relations Council.

Donald Laskowski, Mary Jane Schoen and Arthur Perry—Notre Dame Historical Club.

Thomas Beczkiewicz—Columbia Scholastic Press Association and National Tuberculosis Association.

Leo Ciesielski, Joan DeCocq, Virginia Gorski, American Legion Pulaski Post 357.

Other social and civic activities in which the students participated were:

Rotary Club
Kiwanis Club
Student Forum
Junior Red Cross
South Bend Youth Council
Junior T.B. League
Junior Round Table of Christians and Jews
Boys' State — Girls' State
W.S.B.T. Radio Programs

S. B. C. H. Athleties

S. B. Catholic's sports history is filled with thrilling moments of tense and brilliant play. Our team, with splendid coaching and student support, has given the school recognition. The Lions were sportsmen in the truest sense both in victory and in defeat.

No game is complete without the loyal and wholehearted support of our naturally gifted Varsity and "B" Team Cheerleaders . . . the grand school spirit and the flow of energy that went out with their yells and cheers . . . just did wonders . . . cheering the Lions to Victory!

Some high-lights recorded in S.B.C.H. Athletic History:

1937 - "Lions grasped the "City Championship of the City of South Bend" having defeated Riley High School by a score of 14-6.

1940 - "Lions beat Andy Pilney's powerful Little Giants of Weber High of Chicago, 26-6.
Lions beat St. Mary's Desplaines, Chicago, 25-7 .
Lions beat Assumption High, Canada, 13-0.
Lions beat St. Elizabeth High, Chicago, 28-7.

1943 - Capt. Richard Podell wins All City honors.

1947 - Fighting Lions captured the City Catholic Championship by tallying to a 26-0 Victory! Boy! What a game!
Capt. Stanley Przestwor — Center, First Team Tribune All Twin City Team. The first player in the history of S. B. parochial school to attain this honor.

1948 - The "Marozsan Trophy" was presented to the S.B.C.H. Football Stars.

1951 - Don Kovach awarded All Twin City honors as outstanding fullback in 1950.

KIWANIS AWARD WINNERS THROUGHOUT THE YEARS

Football . . . .

Jack Gorski	Leonard Buszkiewicz
Leonard Kapsa	Jim Ryback
Eugene Ladewski	Ray Plencner
Edward Rzepka	Don Kovach
Stanley Przestwor	Jerry Dewey
Charles Maternowski	Jim Carter

Basketball . . . .

Andy Kazmierzak	Ronald Hosinski
John Hosinski	Jim Fischer

Basketball . . . .

Jack Piechowicz	Ray Krol

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OUTSTANDING PLAYERS

Ed Szajko	Bob Kuminecz
Edmund Dulcet	Jim Lewinski
Charles Maternowski	Don Kovach
Ted Sobieralski	Clem Urbanski
Arthur Pianowski	Jerry Plencner
Edwin Dobrzykowski	Ray Krol
Edwin Mendlikowski	Bill Lochmondy
Bernard Czyzewski	David Fujawa
Art Czasnowski	Al Wroblewski
Bob Kaminski	Dick King

Don Buczynski

WINNERS OF TROPHIES

Most Valuable Linemen . . . .

Stanley Nowak	Leo Budzinski
Richard Podell	Stanley Przestwor
Ernest Pajakowski	Vince Koziatek
Ray Nowak	John Jurek

Most Valuable Backs . . . .

Clem Szymanski	Harry Bankowski
Ed Urbanski	Chet Salwowski
Frank Kaniewski	Don Kovach

1953 - September—"Lions" of South Bend Catholic High and "Indians" of Central Catholic High merge into one team: "The Orphans" a name assumed just temporarily. Mr. Francis Curran and Mr. George Kelly are the new coaches.

What is best in both teams —
will carry on the Sports History
of these South Bend Catholic
High Schools.

S. B. C. H. Catholic Ideals

Ever mindful of Christ's appeal, **"Sanctify them in truth,'** and inspired by their motto, **"Charity and Truth"** the faculty of South Bend Catholic High has left nothing undone that could foster the education of youth in compliance with the directives of Pope Pious XI, in His Encyclical Letter on Christian Education o. Youth. (Divini Illius Magistri)

"The proper and immediate end of Christian education is to co-operate with divine grace in forming the true and the perfect Christian . . . For precisely this reason, Christian education takes in the whole aggregate of human life, physical and spiritual, intellectual and moral, individual, domestic, and social, not with a view of reducing it in any way, but in order to elevate, regulate and perfect it, in accordance with the example and teaching of Christ!"

In our school curricula we have the provisions or exactly these objectives. The intellectual, social and physical growth of the students is considered and provided for in correlation with the moral and religious training — all a part of the school program. Religious instructions find expression in practical living, in the liturgical and the devotional practices throughout the school year. Liturgical seasons are given due attention and living in the spirit of the liturgy is greatly encouraged.

Some religious practices and devotions held in our school throughout the school year are: **The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass** offered in the provisional chapel of the school auditorium—here the students and the faculty pray united as a large Christian family . . . **First Friday Devotions** — Holy Communion and Mass . . . . Consecration to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and to the Immaculate Heart of Mary . . . . **October Devotions**—Rosary and Benediction every day . . . . **Spiritual Check-Up:** Three Day Retreat for all the students . . . . Special Day of Recollection for the Seniors . . . . **Ring Day Ceremony** . . . . . **May Devotions** — the Procession and the May Crowning . . . . . **Senior Graduation Day**— a beautiful and impressive Church ceremony.

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To have an opportunity of attending a Catholic High School is indeed a blessing, since it is here that "education consists essentially in preparing man for what he **must be** and for what **he must do here below,** in order to attain the sublime end for which he was created." . . . . (Christian Educ. of Youth)

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The accomplishments and the successes of South Bend Catholic High had been made possible by the contributed devoted services of its:

Directors:

The Reverend Stanislaus Gruza, C.S.C.
The Reverend Francis X. Luzny, C.S.C.
The Reverend Boleslaus A. Sztuczko, C.S.C.

Religion Instructors and Athletic Directors:

The Reverend Casimir Witucki, C.S.C.
The Reverend Sigismund Jankowski, C.S.C.
The Reverend Michael Jednakowski, C.S.C.
The Reverend Leo Wojciechowski, C.S.C.
The Reverend Edgar Szymanski, C.S.C.
The Reverend Joseph Rogusz, C.S.C.
The Reverend Casimir Grabarz. C.S.C.

Principals:

Sister M. Severina, C.S.C.
Sister Pauline Agnes, C.R.
Sister Marcella, C.R.
Sister Gregory, C.R.
Sister Eugene, C.R.
Sister M. Dolores, C.R.
Sister Lucille, C.R.

Coaches:

Mr. M. Fisher	Mr. Clem Fiwek
Mr. S. Sadlowski	Mr. G. Basker
Mr. C. Janesheski	Mr. M. Burnell
Mr. M. Lentsch	Mr. R. Friend
Mr. J. Strnad	Mr. J. G. Leary
Mr. M. Kaczmarek	Mr. F. Curran

The Faculty:

The Religious and the Lay Instructors who taught here during the past twenty five years....

Certainly, much more could and should have been written about each phase and activity, about groups and individuals who played very important parts in the school's existence and contributed to the general success, but, neither time nor space was alloted to make this possible. So, we close with an earnest prayer that God in His way reward all who had supported this great work morally or materially . . . .

May He grant abundant fruition to all these labors and efforts . . . . .

May the good here untold live in the hearts of all . . . . .

May it spread the kingdom of Love and Peace of Him Who is

THE LIFE, THE TRUTH and THE WAY.

— THE GRADUATES OF 1953 —

STATE OF INDIANA
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
INDIANAPOLIS

SILVER JUBILEE FELICITATIONS

FOR: TO THE FACULTY AND STUDENTS OF SOUTH BEND CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL:

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS MAY COME, GREETING:

WHEREAS, SOUTH BEND CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL CELEBRATES IN 1953 THE TWENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY OF ITS FOUNDING; AND

WHEREAS, SOUTH BEND CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL HAS THROUGHOUT THE PAST TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AFFORDED HUNDREDS OF OUR YOUTH OF INDIANA AN OPPORTUNITY FOR EDUCATION; AND

WHEREAS, A TRULY EDUCATED CITIZENRY IS THE BULWARK OF OUR DEMOCRATIC FORM OF GOVERNMENT!

NOW THEREFORE, I, GEORGE N. CRAIG, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF INDIANA, DO EXTEND TO THE FACULTY, THE STUDENT BODY, PARENTS AND ALUMNI OF SOUTH BEND CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL, OUR MOST SINCERE FELICITATIONS ON THIS TWENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I HAVE HEREUNTO SET MY HAND AND CAUSED TO BE AFFIXED THE GREAT SEAL OF THE STATE OF INDIANA, AT THE CAPITOL, IN THE CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS, THIS 24 DAY OF APRIL, 1953.

S E A L

Signed GEORGE N. CRAIG
Governor of Indiana

Faculty

Sister Lucille

Principal

Sister M. Benigna

Sophomore Sponsor

Typing II
Shorthand I-II
Office Practice

Sister Theophane

Senior Sponsor

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American History
English - Religion
Hi-Lite Advisor

Sister Mary Amata

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Latin I- II
Religion
Victorian Advisor

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English
Religion
Red Cross Advisor

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Sophomore Sponsor

Algebra
Commercial Math
World History
Religion

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Polish I - II
Religion
Vocation Moderator

Sister Elizabeth Therese

Freshman Sponsor

English
Religion

Sister Theresa

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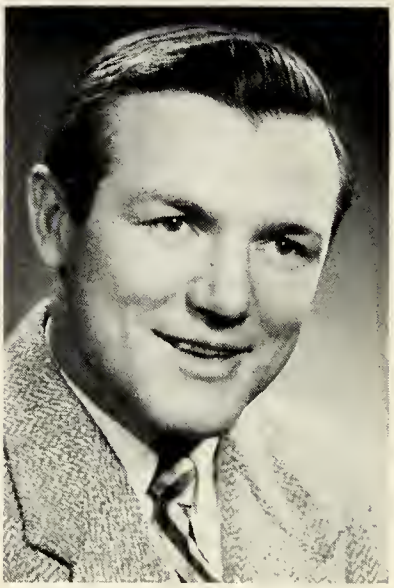


Mr. Francis Curran
Head Coach
Health - Safety

Mrs. Martha Valentine
Typing I - II

Mrs. Marjorie Magee
Art

Mrs. Grace Myers
Home Economics

SENIORS

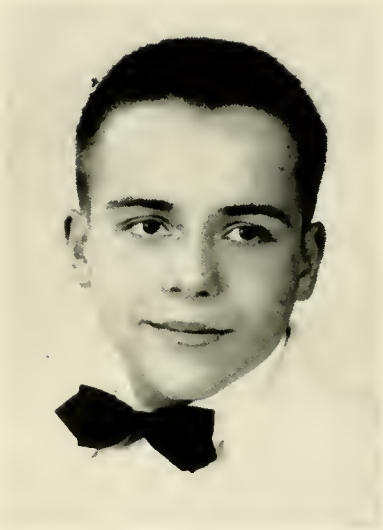
The greatest friend of truth is Time, her greatest enemy is Prejudice, and her constant companion is Humility.

C. C. Colton

'53

Annette Adamski

Secretary 2; Treasurer 3; Social Chairman 1; Student Council 2; Cheerleader "B" 2; Cheerleader 3, 4 (Capt.); Showcase 3; Cantata (Associate Director); Glee Club 3; C.S.P.A. Convention 4; N.S.P.A. Convention 4; Victorian; Senior Play.



Thomas Beczkiewicz

President 3; Junior T. B. League 3, 4; (President); S. B. Youth Council 4; (President); Junior Round Table of Christians and Jews, (Co-Chairman); Rotary Representative; Boys' State 3; Showcase (Director); Cantata (Director); Victorian Editor; Human Relations Institute 3, 4; C.S.P.A. Convention 3, 4; N.S.P.A. Convention 4; Senior Play.

Michael Borkowski

Social Chairman 2; Student Council 3; Football 2, 3, 4; Basketball 1, 2 3; Baseball 3, 4; Showcase 3; Cantata 4; Senior Play.

Jerome Badur

Football 2, 3; Polish Play 2; Showcase 3; Cantata 4; Senior Play.

Virginia Badowski

Polish Play 1, 2; Showcase 3; Cantata 4; Glee Club 1, 3.

'53

Alice Botka

Showcase 3; Cantata 4; Glee Club 1, 3; Victorian.

Sharon Boudreau

Showcase 3; Cantata 4; Glee Club 1, 3; Hi-Lite.

Mary Alice Budny

Showcase 3; Cantata 4; Glee Club 3; Senior Play.

Mary Alice Bukowski

Civitan Representative 4; Polish Play 1; Showcase 3; Cantata 4; Glee Club 3.

Patricia Carroll

Treasurer 1; Social Chairman 3; Cheerleader 4; Showcase 3; Cantata 4; Glee Club 1, 3; Victorian; Senior Play 2, 4.

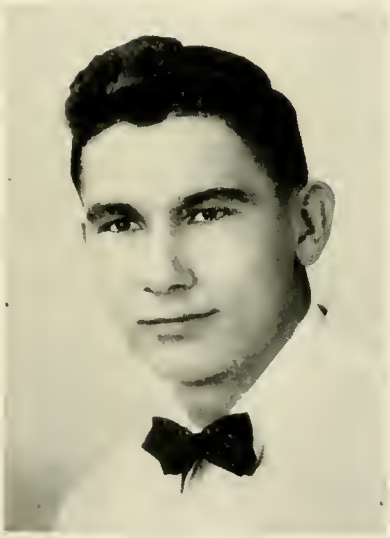
'53

Elaine Chmiel

Showcase 3; Cantata 4; Glee Club 3; Hi-Lite; Senior Play.

Mary Ann Chrustowski

Secretary 4; Polish Play 1, Showcase 3; Cantata 4; Glee Club 1, 3; Hi-Lite; Senior Play.



Jim Fischer

Social Chairman 3; Student Council 2; Showcase 3; Cantata 4; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Football 3; Senior Play.

Dorothy Ciesielski

Showcase 3; Cantata 4; Glee Club 1, 3; Hi-Lite; Senior Play.

Theresa Gadacz

Social Chairman 4; Polish Play 1; Showcase 3; Cantata 4; Glee Club 1.

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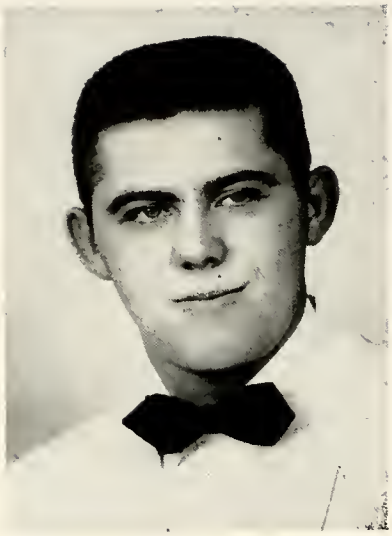
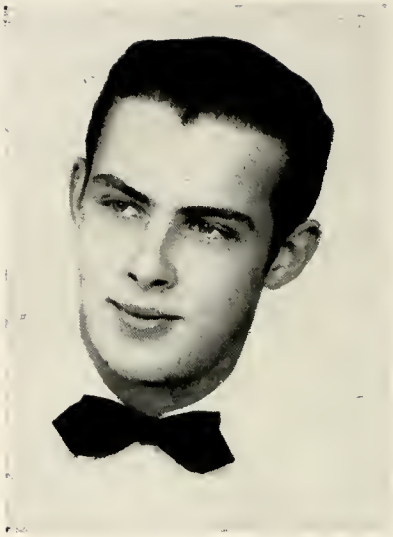


Norbert Gapczynski

Football 2, 3, 4; Basketball 1; Baseball Mgr. 1; Intra-murals 2, 3; Polish Play 1; Showcase 3; Cantata 4; Senior Play.



Leonard Glon

Social Chairman 3; Student Council 2; Football 3, 4; Basketball 2, 3; Polish Play 1, 2; Showcase 3; Cantata 4; Senior Play; Prom Chairman.

Virginia Hartwick

Showcase 3; Cantata 4; Glee Club 1, 3; Victorian; Senior Play.

Dorothy Jankowski

Treasurer 1, 2; Secretary 4; Showcase 3; Cantata 4; Glee Club 1, 3.

Elaine Jankowski

Showcase 3; Cantata 4; Senior Play.

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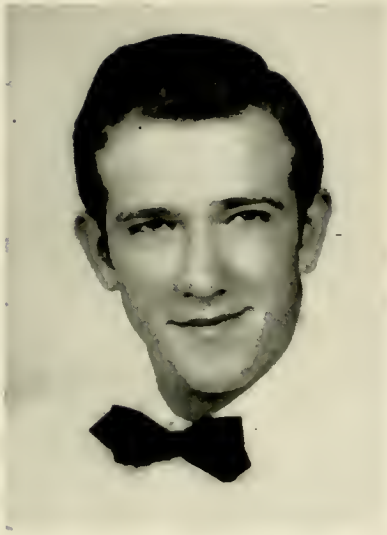

Leonard Jankowski

President 4; Student Council 2; Basketball 2, 3; Intra-murals 1; Showcase 3; Cantata 4; Hi-Lite Editor; Senior Play.

Dorothy Lee Jones

Show case 3; Cantata 4; Glee Club 1, 3; Hi-Lite.

Jeanette Karaszewski

S. B. Youth Council 4
case 3; Cantata 4; Student Council 2; Glee Club 3; N.S. P.A. Convention 4; Victorian; Hi-Lite; Senior Play; Prom Chairman.

Phyllis Kandzierski

Treasurer 2, 3; Showcase 3; Cantata 4; Glee Club 1, 3; Human Relations Institute 4; Hi-Lite; Senior Play

Richard Karmolinski

President 4; Fighting 69th Captain 4; Football 3; Intra-murals 3; Showcase 3; Cantata 4; Rotary Representative; Senior Play.

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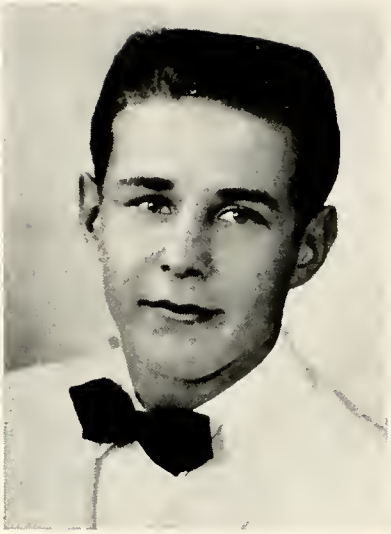


Francis Kasprzak

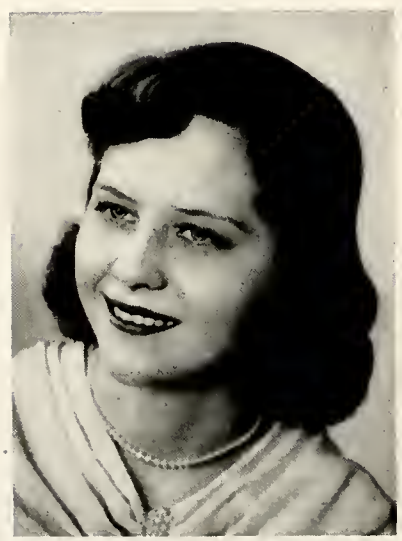
Football 3, 4; Basketball 2; Intramurals 3; Showcase 3; Kiwanis Representative; Senior Play; Prom Chairman.

Mary Ann Kazmierczak

Student Council 2; Showcase 3; Cantata 4; Glee Club 3; Co-editor Hi-Lite; Senior Play.

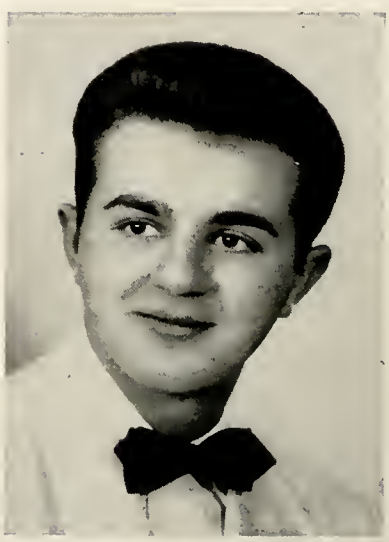
Janet Kendziorski

Showcase 3; Cantata 4; Glee Club 3.



Harriette Kil

Vice-President 1; Secretary 3; Social Chairman 2, 4; Polish Play 1, 2; Showcase 3; Cantata 4; Glee Club 1; 3; Hi-Lite; Senior Play.



Richard Kindt

President 3; Vice-President 2; Kiwanis Representative; Intramurals 3; Showcase 3; Cantata 4.

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Dorothy Kuminecz

Human Relations Institute 3; Showcase 3; Cantata 4; Polish Play 1; Victorian.

Alvina Laskowski

Showcase 3; Cantata 4; Glee Club 3; Victorian.

Ray Krol

President 2; Vice-President 1; Social Chairman 3, 4; Kiwanis Representative; Football 2, 3, 4; Basketball 2, 3, 4; Showcase 3; Cantata 4.

Marlene Lisiecki

Polish Play 1, 3; Showcase 3; Cantata 4; Glee Club 1, 3; Senior Play.

Patricia Luczynski

Polish Play 1, 2; Showcase 3; Cantata 4; Glee Club 3.

'53

Marlene Markiewicz

Showcase 3; Cantata 4; Hi-Lite; Senior Play.

Darlene Markowski

Student Council 2; Showcase 3; Cantata 4; Hi-Lite.

Jeannette Meuleman

Showcase 3; Cantata 4; Glee Club 3.

Phyllis Milczynski

Social Chairman 3; Student Council 2; Polish Play 1, 2; Showcase 3; Cantata 4; Glee Club 1, 3; Hi-Lite.

Jean Mroczkiewicz

Polish Play 1; Showcase 3; Cantata 4.

'53

Jacqueline Nafradi

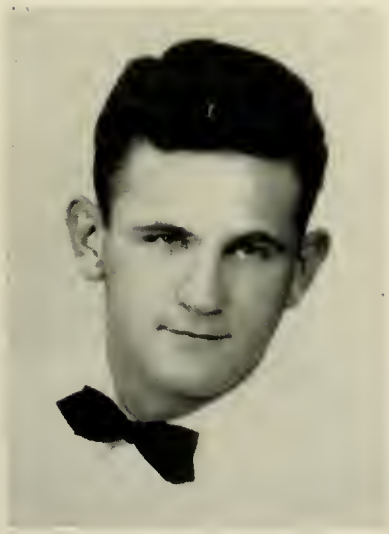
Polish Play 1; Showcase 3; Cantata 4; Glee Club 1, 3; Victorian.

Mary Ann Nowicki

Showcase 3; Cantata 4; Glee Club 3; N.S.P.A. Convention 4; Hi-Lite; Senior Play.

Lorraine Novinich

Treasurer 1; Social Chairman 2; Cheerleader 3, "B"; Cheerleader 4; Showcase 3; Cantata 4; Glee Club 1, 3; N.S.P.A. Convention 5; Victorian; Senior Play.



Marvin Nowicki

Donald Niezgodzki

Showcase 3; Cantata 4.

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Marilyn Opoka

Polish Play 1, 2; Showcase 3; Cantata 4; Glee Club 1; Hi-Lite; Victorian.

Christine Pajakowski

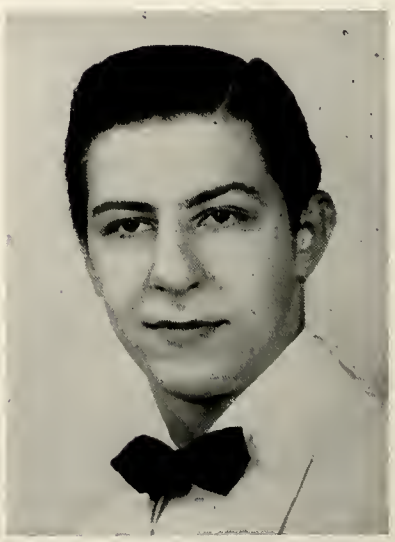
S. B. Youth Council 3; Showcase 3; Cantata 4; Glee Club 1, 3; C.S.P.A. Convention 4; Human Relations Institute 3; May Queen; Victorian; Senior Play.

Shirley Ann Piasecki

Vice-President 3, 4; Showcase 3; Cantata 4; Glee Club 1, 3; Victorian.

Joan Pinter

Showcase 3; Cantata 4; Glee Club 1, 3; Hi-Lite; Senior Play.



John Pluta

Showcase 3; Cantata 4.

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Luella Przybylinski

Secretary 1; Showcase 3; Cantata 4; Glee Club 3.

Rita Rozycki

Polish Play 2; Showcase 3; Cantata 4; Glee Club 1, 3.

Mary Jane Schoen

Salutatorian; Girls' State 3; Cantata 4; Showcase 3; Glee Club 1; Orchestra 3; Tribune Reporter 4; C.S.P.A. Convention 4; May Queen's Attendant 4; Victorian; Senior Play.

James Rulli

Cantata 4; Senior Play; Kiwanis Representative.

John Rzeszewski

Treasurer 4; Basketball 2, 3; Intramurals 3; Showcase 3.

'53

Mary Ann Shiprek

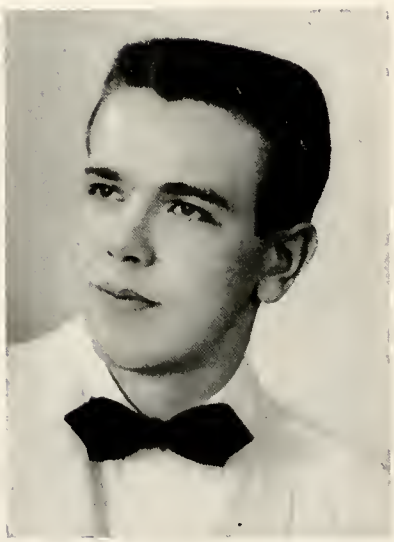
Polish Play 1; Showcase 3; Cantata 4; Glee Club 1; Hi-Lite.

Eugene Sobiech

President 2; Football 3; Basketball 2, 3; Baseball 2, 3, 4; Intra-murals 3; Showcase 3; Prom King; Senior Play.

Wanda Stankiewicz

Secretary 2; Treasurer 4; Showcase 3; Cantata 4; Glee Club 1, 3; Prom Queen; Hi-Lite; Senior Play.



Don Stevens

President 2; Social Chairman 1; Basketball 1, 2, 3; Showcase 3.

Sylvia Toth

Showcase 3; Cantata 4; Glee Club 3.

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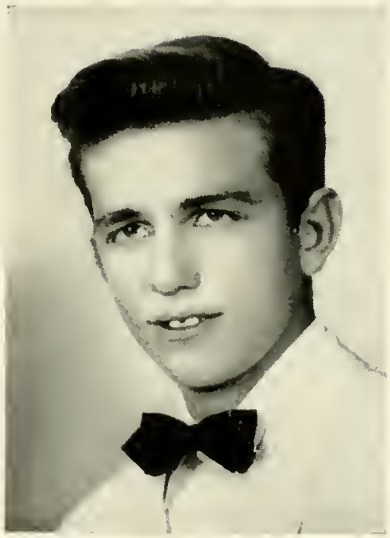
Adolphine Van Goeye

Secretary 3; Civitan Representative 4; C.S.P.A. Convention 3, 4; N.S.P.A. Convention 4; Human Relations Institute 3, 4; Vocational Panel - Fort Wayne 4; Showcase 3; Cantata 4; Glee Club 1, 3; Victorian; Senior Play; Prom Chairman.



Rene Van Overberghe

Social Chairman 4; Basketball 1, 2, 3; Showcase 3; Cantata 4; Senior Play.

VirginiaVanOverberghe

Valedictorian; Vice-President 2, 3, 4; Treasurer 1; Red Cross 3; Cheerleader 4; Showcase 3; Cantata 4; Glee Club 3; N.S.P.A. Convention 4; C.S.P.A. Convention 4; Human Relations Institute 4; May Queen Attendant; Hi-Lite; Victorian Assistant Editor; Senior Play.

Clarice Wegner

Showcase 3; Cantata 4; Glee Club 1, 3.

Karen Weddle

Showcase 3; Cantata 4; Glee Club 1, 2, 3.

'53

Irene Van Vynckt

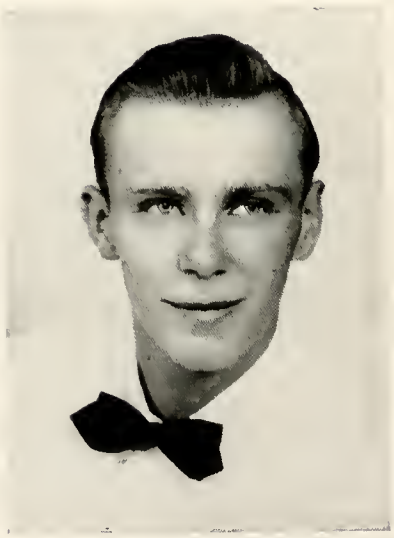
Glee Club 1, 3; Cantata 4; Hi-Lite.

Marlene Wisniewski

Showcase 3; Cantata 4; Glee Club 1, 3.

Helen Wojciechowski

Treasurer 2; Polish Play 1; Glee Club 1, 3; Showcase 3; Cantata 4; Victorian.



Donald Widawski

Showcase 3; Cantata 4.

Donald Zyto

Showcase 3; Cantata 4.

In Retrospect

It is hard to believe that four years have passed since we entered South Bend Catholic. We were "some kids" then—willing, yet skeptical — anxious, yet a bit afraid. However, this "greenness" soon wore off, and the loud enthusiasm, for which we were noted was soon channeled towards constructive, if not astounding, objectives. These goals were somehow always reached, even though many times, overwhelming odds had to be surmounted. Soon our record became proud with achievements of worth and merit. Yes, South Bend Catholic instilled in us an indomitable spirit, a spirit which swept us to heights previously thought unattainable, a spirit which has prepared us to meet the challenge of the world with fortitude and confidence.

T. B.

'Till We Meet Again . . . .

UNDER-CLASSMEN

Truth is the secret of eloquence and of virtue, the basis of moral authority; it is the summit of art and life.

H. F. Amiel

JUNIORS
Room 105

Officers

Sitting (Left to Right): Lenore Makowski, Treasurer; Waldemar Klota, President; Virginia Gorski, Vice President.

Standing: Alice Kovacs, Social Chairman; Shirley Matthys, Secretary; Norman Cwidak, Social Chairman.

JUNIORS
Room 105

Sitting Row 1: (Left to Right): Joan De Cocq, Carolyn Cako, Shirley Wroblewski, Rosemarie Hagye.

Sitting Row 2: Clifford Olivier, Mary Ann Stachowski, Joanne Szymkowiak.

Standing: David Fujawa, Ottilia Arch, Reynold Derda, Thomas Salata.

JUNIORS
Room 105

Sitting Row 1: Left to Right); Antoinette Chelminiak, Rosemary Mrozinski, Marilyn Nagy, Theresa Wojciechowski.

Sitting Row 2: Jean Nicholas, James Rzeszewski, Shirley Lechtanski, Leo Ciesielski.

Standing: Marlene Mnichowski, Edward Kolaczyk, Leona Andrzejewski, Harry Michalski.

JUNIORS
Room 105

Sitting Row 1: (Left to Right): Christine Lukasiak, Cecelia Jurek, Theresa Bystry.

Sitting Row 2: Edward Szatkowski, Mary Kuczwara, Velma Williams, Barbara Sikorski, Thomas Radomski.

Standing: Stanley Wieczorek Shirley Grzegorek, Ronald Prebys, Theresa Heinerich.

SOPHOMORES
Room 205

Officers

Sitting: (Left to Right) John Horth, President; Jeanette Budny, Social Chairman; Stella Niemier, Treasurer.

Standing: Richard Niedbalski, Social Chairman; Don Buczynski, Vice President; Betty Rogowski, Secretary.

SOPHOMORES
Room 204

Officers

Sitting: (Left to Right James Makowski, Social Chairman; Natalee Goepfrich, President; Richard Ciesielski, Vice President; Mary Drapinski, Secretary.

Standing: Joan Sikorski, Social Chairman; Michael Rafinski, Treasurer.

SOPHOMORES - Room 205

Sitting: (Left to Right) Virginia Matusiak, Geraldine Sieradzki, Darlene Olawski, Joan Pluta, Antoinette Majewski, Rita Lukasiak.

Sitting: Row 2: Harry Early, Carolyn Gorka, Donald Piasecki, Paul Czyzewski, Andrew Rupczock.

Standing: Betty Walkowski, Joan Urbanski, Joseph Slade, Gerard Van Overberghe.

SOPHOMORES - Room 205

Sitting: (Left to Right) Pat Switalski, Barbara Bladecki, Wanda Zmyslo, Maryann Nowicki, Ronald Karmolinski, Virginia Kil, Jerry Kromkowski, Maryann Jeziorski, Gerald Gorski, Pat Kruszynski, Melvine Deranek.

Standing: Harriet Kolesiak, Joseph Pietrzak, Walter Kwiatek, Edward Guljas.

SOPHOMORES - Room 204

Sitting Row 1: (Left to Right) Darwin Wilkeson, Mary Ann Paprocki, Geraldine Burzynski, Clem Olazewski, Patricia Grzeskiewicz.

Sitting Row 2: Raymond Cwiklinski, Margaret Pinter, Dorothy Kurowski, Marlene Szyja, Edward Kaczmarek.

Standing: Raymond Kruk, Catherine Maike, Lois Schubert, Theresa Kuminecz, Henry Flis.

SOPHOMORES - Room 204

Sitting Row 1: (Left to Right) Beverly Bradley, Mary Lou Niezgodski, Donald Slott, Bernadine Stachowiak, Barbara Wozniak.

Sitting Row 2: Daniel Wentland, Emily Niemier, James Badowski, Eleanor Van Vynckt.

Standing: David Hosinski, Virginia Nowicki, Barbara Jurek, Matthew Jaworski, Patrick Haynes.

FRESHMEN
Room 206

Officers

Sitting: (Left to Right) Joan Ewald, Social Chairman; Judy Kusz, President; Robert Najdek, Treasurer .

Standing: Victor Lisek, Secretary; Marcia Switalski, Vice President; Eugene Trzybinski, Social Chairman.

FRESHMEN
Room 201

Officers

Sitting: (Left to Right) Rosalie Glon, Social Chairman; Florence Jaworski, Secretary; Ronald Grontkowski, President.

Standing: Ronald Steiner, Vice President; Gerald Graczyk, Social Chairman; Henry Tschida, Treasurer.

FRESHMEN
Room 201

Sitting Row 1: (Left to Right) Delphine Konke, Anthony Humphrey, Joan Kwiatek.

Sitting Row 2: Chester Grywczynski, Jeanette Kosciuszkiewicz, Lillian Janowczyk, Kathryn Wroblewski.

Standing: Marcia Szewczyk, Hubert Van Goeye.

FRESHMEN
Room 201

Sitting: (Left to Right) Helen Cichosz, Sylvia Jozwiak, Charlotte Gorski.

Standing: Darlene Rogacki, Joseph Grabarz, Joan Andruszko, Mary Lou Zdoniak, Frederick Carrico, Ronald Kwiecinski.

FRESHMEN
Room 206

Sitting Row 1: (Left to Right) Lorraine Gembarzewski, Judith Laskowski, Pat Drada.

Sitting Row 2: Paul Wawrzyniak, Theresa Niezgodski, Jeannine Paczesny.

Standing: Grace Varga, Donald Van Winkle.

FRESHMEN
Room 206

Sitting Row 1: (Left to Right) Barbara Zagrzejewski, Mary Lou Van Overberghe.

Sitting Row 2: Margaret Piechocki, Anne Gapczynski, Elaine Goepfrich, Mary Frances Kapsa.

Standing: Larry Ozdyck, Charles Wolfe, Dorothy Roberts.

CURRICULA

Beauty is Truth, Truth Beauty
— that is all Ye know on earth and all ye need to know.

J. Keats

Religion Department

FATHER CASEY'S RELIGION CLASS, A FAVORITE, WITH THE JUNIORS

The boys in the Religion III class are: S. Wieczorek, J. Rzeszewski, D. Fujawa, H. Michalski, W. Klota.

SOPHOMORES GIRLS STUDY ALTAR and VESTMENTS.

Religion II students are: (standing) C. Górka, M. L. Niezgodski, N. Goepfrich, J. Sikorski, T. Kuminecz, J. Budny, M. Szyja; (kneeling) B. Wozniak, (seated) W. Zmyslo, V. Kil, B. Stachowiak.

English Department

THERE'RE ALWAYS ESSAYS....

English IV students, (standing) R. Karmolinski, (seated) R. Van Overberghe, K. Weddle, V. Hartwick, M. J. Schoen, A. Van Goeye.

JOAN EWALD — AN EXCEPTION.

(A girl with only a few words to say.)

Students in English I are: L. Ozdych, M. L. Van Overberghe, P. Wawrzyniak, P. Drada, A. Gapczynski, M. F. Kapsa.

"INFORMATION, PLEASE."

Browsing through the books in the library are: (In the foreground) R. Van Overberghe, L. Jankowski, J. Badur, J. Kwiatek, F. Jaworski, R. Glon, F. Carrico.

Literature Department

"THE TIMES THAT TRY MEN'S SOULS"

Studying Literature III are: First Row: T. Wojciechowski, A. Kovacs, R. Prebys. Second Row: T. Salata, M. A. Stachowski, S. Matthys.

MACBETH SEEMS TO BE NOTHING BUT "DOUBLE, DOUBLE, TOIL and TROUBLE."

The Literature IV dramatists are: E. Sobiech, S. Boudreau, S. Toth, M. A. Shiprek.

"A DISSERTATION ON ROAST PIG"

Selections from Literature IV are being read by: J. Karaszewski, M. A. Shiprek, S. Boudreau, J. Rulli, E. Sobiech, M. A. Chrustowski.

Language Department

AMO, AMARE, AMAVI with SISTER M. AMATA

Young Romans of Latin I are: T. Humphery, F. Jaworski, M. F. Kapsa, S. Jozwiak, G. Gorski, M. Szewczyk, V. Lisek, M. L. Van Overberghe, H. Van Goeye.

"RENDER UNTO CAESAR WHAT IS CAESAR'S."

Latin II students are: P. Switalski, G. Gorski, J. Horth, E. Guljas, N. Goepfrich.

"BEWARE THE IDES OF MARCH"

The Latin II class uses "mom's old sheets" for a good purpose. Shown here are: D. Buczynski, P. Haynes, J. Slade, M. Pinter.

LANGUAGE DEPARTMENT

TIME OFF FOR CHOPIN

Polish II (standing) H. Kolesiak, R. Cwiklinski, M. A. Paprocki, M. A. Nowicki, D. Hosinski, (seated) E. Kaczmarek, M. A. Jeziorski, D. Kurowski, D. Slott.

"JESZCZE POLSKA NIE ZGINĘŁA"

Polish I (standing) M. L. Zdoniak, G. Graczyk, P. Wawrzyniak, (seated) First Row: J. Andruszko, J. Kusz, J. Kosciuszkiewicz. Second Row: R. Glon, L. Janowczyk, G. Grywczynski.

Mathematics Department

IF WE COULD ONLY ELIMINATE LIVING EXPENSES!

Making budgets in Commercial Math are: (standing) J. Ewald, P. Drada J. Laskowski, A. Gapczynski, (seated) L. Gembarzewski, T. Niezgodski, J. Paczesny, L. Ozdych.

NEEDED!!!!! ONE ADDING MACHINE

Bookkeeping enthusiasts are: K. Maike, B. Rogowski, A. Majewski, G. Sieradzki, R. Kruk, J. Pluta, B. Jurek, J. Makielski, P. Kruszynski, B. Walkowski, E. Niemier, J. Kromkowski, D. Piasecki.

"Y" IT'S SIMPLE . . . .

Algebra students are: R. Steiner, W. Ludwick, F. Carrico, J. Kwiatek, D. Rogacki, H. Tschida, D Konke, (seated) R. Grontkowski, R. Kwiecinski.

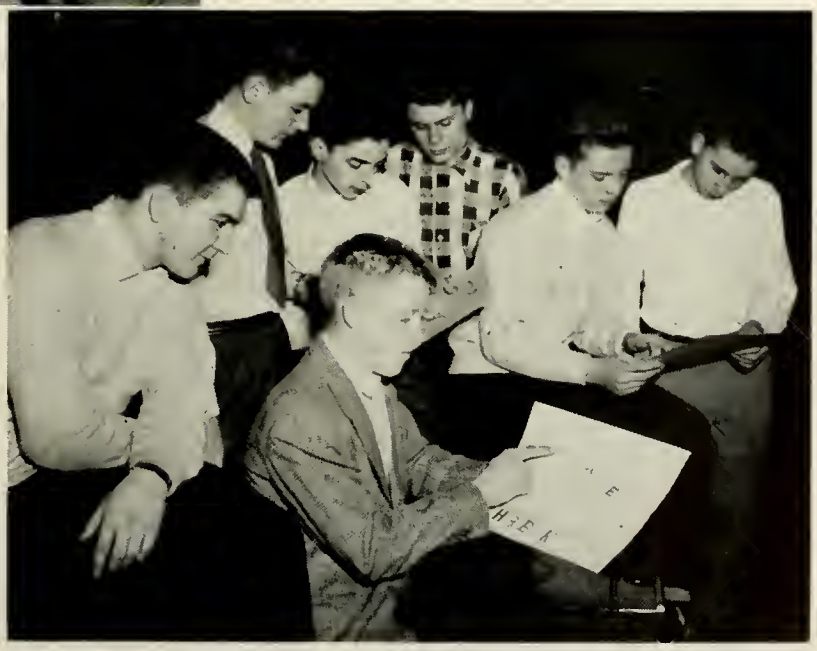
MATHEMATICS DEPARTMENT

LOOK AT THOSE CURVES!

E. Kolaczyk, T. Salata, R. Prebys, O. Arch at the blackboard in advanced algebra class.

QUITE AN ANGLE . . . .

Learning geometry are: D. Ciesielski, J.. Urbanski, D. Buczynski, (seated) C. Olszewski.



ALL THIS INTEREST . . . . .

More geometry with: M. Jaworski, (center), J. Badowski D. Wentland, D. Niedbalski, H. Flis, J. Makowski, H. Early.

Commercial Department

90 WORDS PER MINUTE????

Striving for speed in the typing II class are: S. Piasecki, P. Milczynski, H. Kil, D. Markowski, J. Mroczkiewicz, M. A. Shiprek, M. J. Schoen, D. Ciesielski, J. Meuleman, K. Weddle, J. Badur, L. Glon, N. Gapczynski, M. Borkowski, M. Markiewicz, F. Kasprzak, D. Stevens, D. Kindt, R. Krol.

I CAN'T FIND THE RIGHT KEYS . . . . .

Beginners of the Typing I class are: First Row: S. Matthys, M. A. Stachowski, M. Mnichowski, A. Chelminiak. Second Row: M. Weddle, M. Nagy, T. Heinerich, S. Lechtanski, L. Makowski. Third Row: V. Gorski, A. Kovacs, V. Williams, M. Kuczwara. Fourth Row: J. Nichols, L. Horvath, T. Bystry, R. Hagye, O. Arch.

COMMERCIAL DEPARTMENT

Dad says it looks like chicken-scratching!

I know it's here somewhere.

Taking dictation in Shorthand class are: (standing) P. Carroll. (seated) M. A. Budny, P. Kandzierski, M. Opoka, A. Laskowski, D. Jones, S. Toth, D. Jankowski, C. Pajakowski, J. Meuleman, J. Kendziorski, M. A. Nowicki, T.. Gadacz, A. Botka, L. Przybylinski, R. Rozycki, D. Kuminecz.

Filing is an art for the girls in the Office Practice class. Pictured are: (standing) H. Wojciechowski, M. A. Bukowski, J. Karaszewski, V. Van Overberghe, A. Adamski. (seated) V. Hartwick, A. Van Goeye, M. Wisniewski, J. Nafradi, I. Van Vynckt, C. Wegner, W. Stankiewicz, L. Novinich, V. Badowski, E. Jankowski, M. A. Kazmierczak, E. Chmiel, M. Lisiecki.

Learning to use adding and calculation machines in the Office Practice class are: M. A. Bukowski, M. Lisiecki, A. Adamski.

These new fangled contraptions!

Art and Science Departments

THEY'LL PROBABLY END UP BEING HOUSE PAINTERS . . . .

In art class are: Clockwise: H. Wojciechowski, M. Deranek, G. Van Overberghe, V. Kil, M. Jaworski, R. Niedbalski.

HERE'S WHERE I STOP DRINKING WATER . . .

Using a microscope for Biology are: (standing) T. Heinerich, S. Lechtanski, (seated) C. Lukasiak, L. Horvath.

Science Department

STRICTLY FOR THE BIRDS!

Boys of the biology class are: (standing) W. Klota, N. Cwidak. (seated) C. Olivier, H. Michalski, L. Ciesielski, J. Rzeszewski.

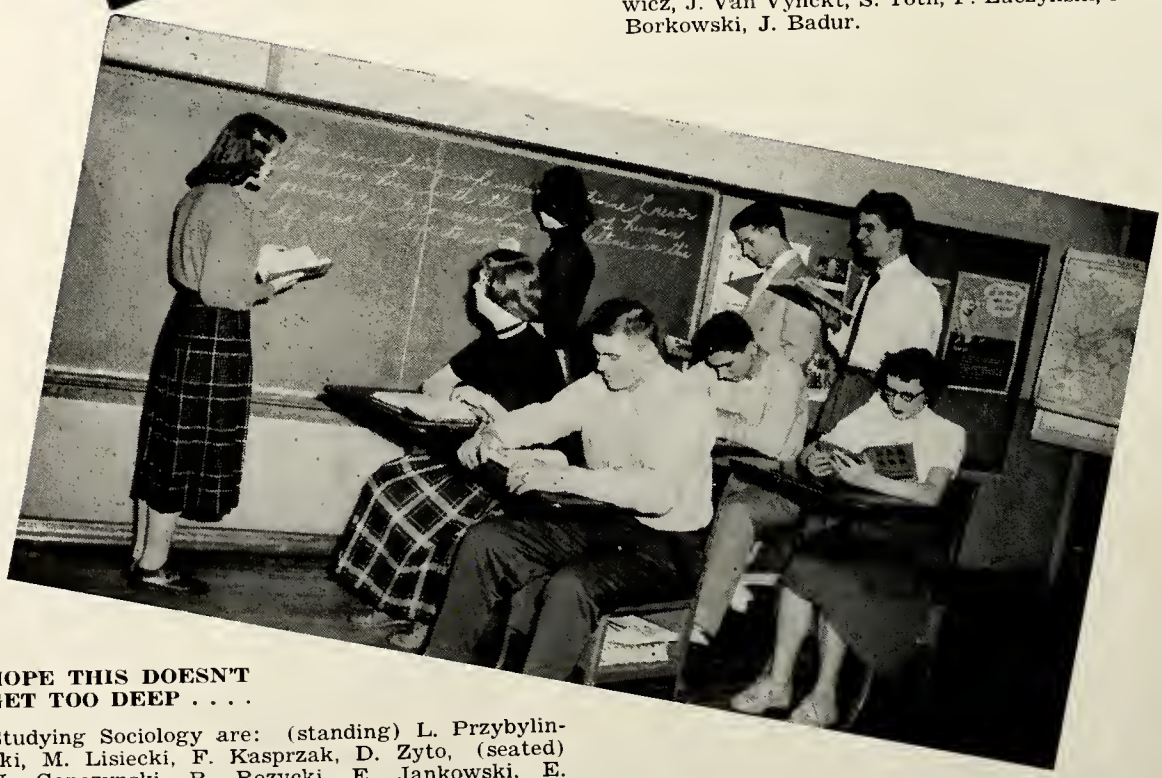
LOST FOREST . . . .

Biology students studying plants are: (standing) V. Gorski, R. Mrozinski, M. Kuczwara, J. De Cocq, (seated) M. Nagy, L. Makowski.

Social Studies Department

FELLOW CITIZENS . . . .

Learning facts about government in Civics class are: (standing) J. Pluta, D. Widawski, D. Niezgodski, L. Glon, (seated) J. Mroczkiewicz, J. Van Vynckt, S. Toth, P. Luczynski, M. Borkowski, J. Badur.



HOPE THIS DOESN'T GET TOO DEEP . . . .

Studying Sociology are: (standing) L. Przybylinski, M. Lisiecki, F. Kasprzak, D. Zyto, (seated) N. Gapczynski, R. Rozycki, E. Jankowski, E. Fischer.

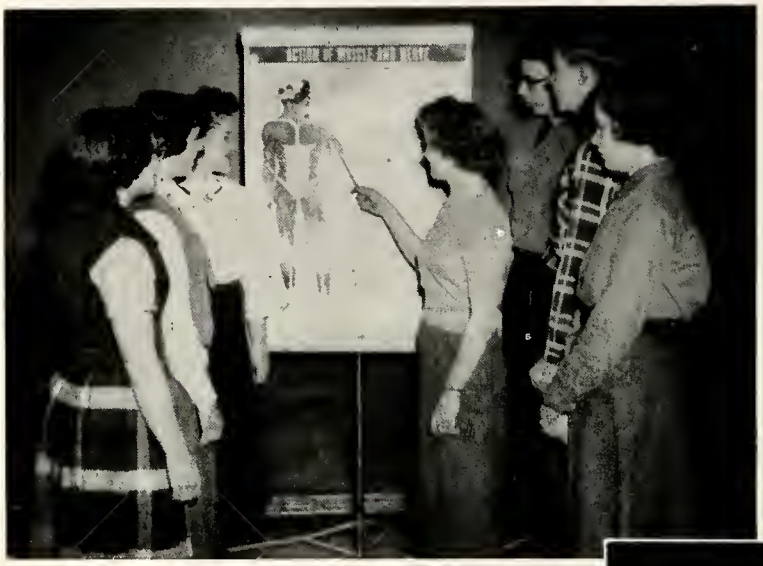
AND TO THE LEFT WE HAVE SIBERIA . . .

A bit of geography in the class on World History. (standing) B. Bradley, D. Olawski, D. Kurowski, R. Cwiklinski, P. Grzeskiewicz, P. Haynes, M. A. Paprocki, M. A. Jeziorski, V. Nowicki, J. Slade, M. Deranek, S. Niemier.

BUT IT SAYS HERE . . .

Students of the U.S. History class are: (standing) C. Cako D. Fujawa, (seated) L. Andrzejewski, C. Olivier, C. Jurek, S. Grzegorek, J. Nicholas, S. Wieczorek.

Health - Safety Department



GETTING THE INSIDE STORY . . .

Health class: S. Jozwiak, J. Kwiatek, M. L. Zdoniak, H. Cichosz, R. Steiner, W. Ludwick, M Szewczyk.

A NOTICE FOR WOMEN DRIVERS!

Below, learning to be careful is the aim of the Safety class. T. Niezgodski, M. F. Kapsa, M. L. Van Overberghe, A. Gapczynski.

POSED . . . REALLY POSED . . . .

Lower photo — this is a study hall. Pictured are: R. Glon, D. Konke, J. Kosciuszkiewicz, B. Bradley, J. Grabarz, M. L. Zdoniak, R. Grontkowski, H. Van Goeye, G. Varga, R. Graczyk, M. Szewczyk.

Home Economics Department

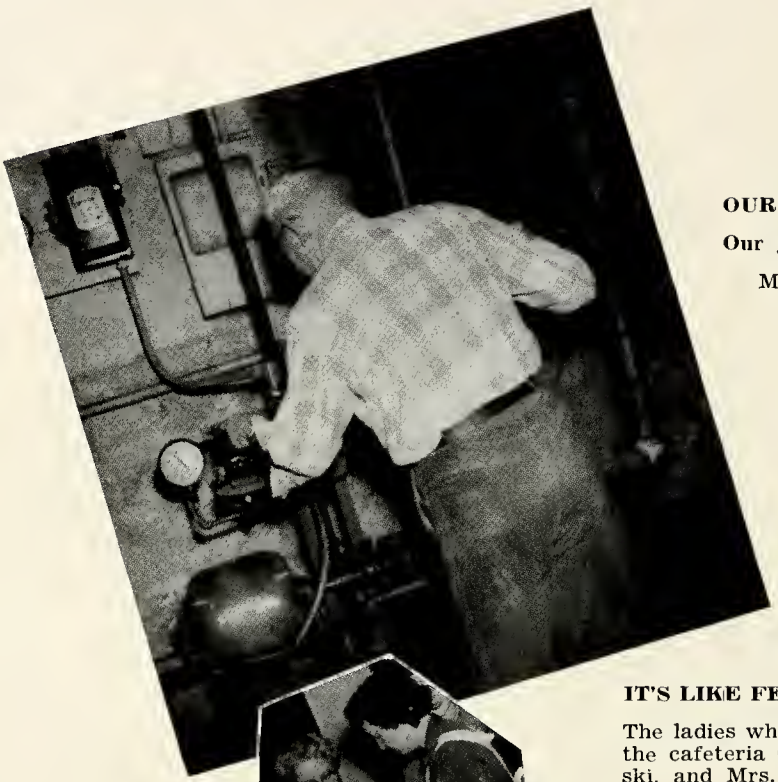
The latest thing from Paris—Jaques and Madame Fifi at work . . .

Modeling the finished garments of the Sewing II class are: (standing) B. Bladecki, (seated) B. Wozniak, M. A. Paprocki (standing) M. A. Nowicki, M. Szyja (kneeling) J. Budny.

I'VE GOT THREE SLEEVES . . . .

Busy with their sewing are: (standing) M. A. Nowicki, J. Makielski, S. Niemier, B. Stachowiak, (seated) A. Majewski, M. A. Paprocki, H. Kolesiak, G. Sieradzki, C. Gorka, M. A. Jeziorski, J. Pluta, B. Walkowski.

Special Service Staffs



OUR BETTER HALF . . .

Our janitor—

Mr. Michael Mincinski

IT'S LIKE FEEDING AN ARMY . . .

The ladies who work so dilligently in the cafeteria are: Mrs. G. Lechtanski, and Mrs. H. Klawinski.

"RECOMMENDED BY DUNCAN HINES!!!"

Hungry students line up for lunch: M. J. Schoen, J. Meuleman, J. Kendziorski, B. Rogowski, R. Rozycki, T. Gadacz, L. Przybylinski, M. Kuczwara, A. Adamski, V. Van Overberghe, D. Kuminecz, A. Botka, M. Opoka.

Activities

We know the truth, not only by the reason, but also by the heart.

B. Pascal

BACKWARD GLANCE

Nine months . . . nine long, or should I say short, months have passed since we tramped back from vacation eager to meet our friends and a little less eager to meet our books. But eager or not, a long acquaintance was begun on both accounts.

The ice of social life at S. B. C. was broken on September 25, when the seniors sponsored the "Get Acquainted Dance" honoring all newcomers. The dance, though advertised as being held from 7:30 to 10:30, actually ran from 10:10 to 10:30 for that's when the fellas got warmed up.

I'm afraid it's no longer a man's world, for on Class Election Day, Natalee Goepfrich was elected president of the sophomores in Room 204. You must have had some party platform, Natalee!

"Dive for he oyster, dig for the clam," rang through our auditorium as we square danced ourselves to exhaustion. (Kasco really showed us how to "swing our partners.")

St. Mary's College played host to the Catholic Press Association. The S.B.C. crew of amateur journalists is still wondering if it was dessert or salad that was served them.

Coveted "Ring Day" finally arrived.

By this time the Hi-Lite staff was already preparing the "dummy" for the September-October issue, while the Victorian staff began designing and creating this year's annual. Meanwhile, the boys began challenging the girls' pony tails. They started wearing D.A.'s. Again the girls weren't going to be outdone. They soon became Bottle Blonds.

Rev. Casimer Grabarz blessing the Class Rings.

Seniors receiving rings from Father Grabarz are: M. A. Shipeck, E. Chmiel, E. Sobiech.

— FOOTBALL SQUAD —

First row: M. Rafinski, D. Buczynski, F. Leahy, J. Pietrzak, J. Budnick. **Second row:** M. Borkowski, J. McMahon, P. Mortell, R. Karmolinski, D. Zernick, J. Jeziorski, K. Tepe, D. Fujawa, D. Ciesielski, F. Nemeth. **Third row:** Line Coach, G. Kelly, N. Gapczynski, B. Becker, D. Hagye, J. Pilarski, T. Haley, J. McMeel, D. Nusbaum, D. Everett, Mgr. R. Karmolinski. **Fourth row:** D. Chlebek, H. Becker, K. Robinson, T. Brusky, L. Glon, J. Lukas, R. Krol, Head Coach F. Curran, Brother Edwin, C.S.C.

— CHEERLEADERS —

First row: P. Carroll, D. Zernick, J. Mazurkiewicz. **Second row:** A. Adamski, L. Novinich, A. Jeffers, M. Wukovich, D. Wittling, V. Van Overberghe.

While the battle of the coiffures was being ensued, the battles of the gridiron predominated all activities. With the merging of South Bend Catholic and Central Catholic, our team became known as the "Orphans." The thrilling and action-packed play displayed by the team was unmatched in any previous year. It was a spirited and hard-hitting team that bore the banner of the blue and gold and the cheerleaders cheered their hearts out encouraging and bolstering the moral of the team. This year was an indication of the tremendous future which lies ahead for Catholic teams in South Bend. Yes, our team under the splendid coaching of Fran Curran was really "bringing home the bacon." Let's have a look at the final record . . .

M. Markiewicz, W. Stankiewicz, H. Kil, P. Milczynski, F. Kasprzak, L. Novinich.

'Ah . . . . this was always an added pleasure during the half-time of a football game.

Catholic High	12	North Judson	6
Catholic High	6	Culver	18
Catholic High	12	Edwardsburg	12
Catholic High	37	Nappanee	0
Catholic High	20	Howe	7
Catholic High	21	New Buffalo	13
Catholic High	35	Morton	0
Total	143	Total	56

What riotous times the fans had, too. On the bus trip to the out-of-town games, we screeched and sang ourselves so hoarse that we could hardly cheer at the game itself. And then, the "day after" we looked more battered and beat than the team, but it was a great life, if you didn't weaken.

Action during the game is fast and exciting.

The voting campaign managers did an expert job of speech-making and candidate-pushing.

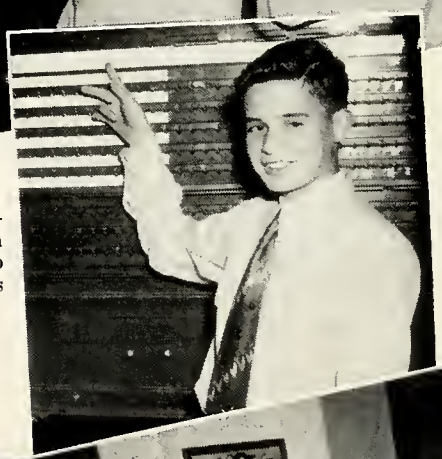
Seated: S. Piasecki, M. J. Schoen, A. Van Goeye.

Standing: C. Pajakowski, D. Zyto.

The election year fever overcame us and we held a mock presidential election. It was really a mock, too, for Stevenson was elected 4 to 1. I guess the rest of the country just didn't stop to consider South Bend Catholic's opinion.

Remember the weenie roast at Pierre Navarre? The taste of burnt and dirty hot dogs just can't be beat.

We sure will miss Patti Carroll and Dick Kindt's endless squabbles. Like the time Patti stole Dick's shoestrings which was followed by a wild chase through the corridors. Dick, you never did tell us whether you got them.



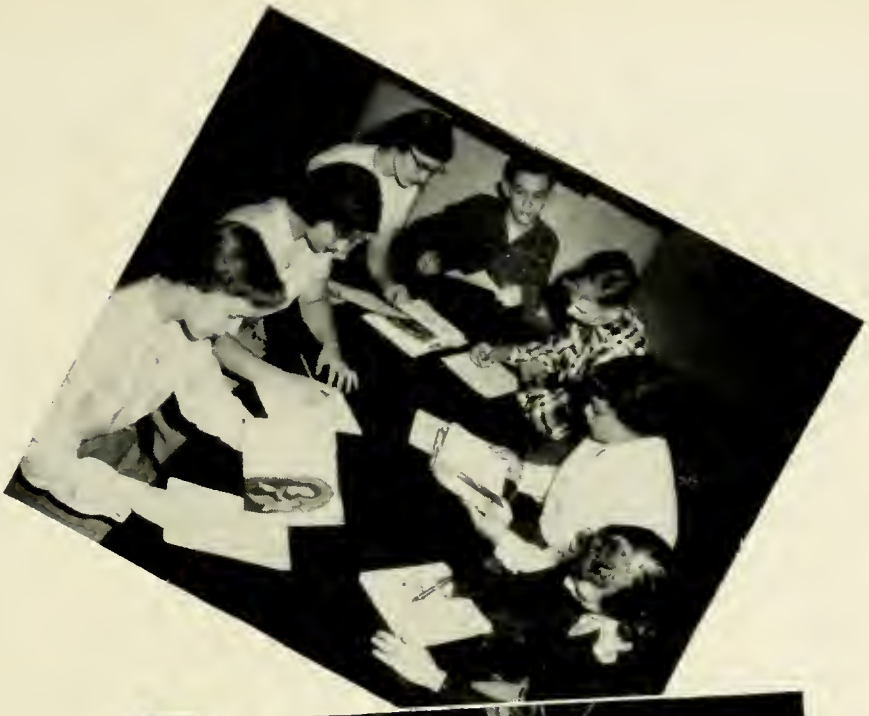
Even the freshmen were given the right to vote. Pictured is A. Humpfrey

We all learned to use the voting machine and thought that it was a lot of fun. There was no such thing as stuffing the ballot box.

Left to right: S. Piasecki, C. Pajakowski, (seated right) V. Hartwick.

The Juniors conducted a religion project.

Left to right around the table: V. Gorski, O. Arch, R. M. Hagye, L. Ciesielski, S. Wieczorek, V. Williams, T. Bystry.



October and November were busy months for the juniors. The Catholic Youth Week Assembly featuring Mr. James Poat . . . "The Holiday Twirl" with elaborate and festive decorations . . . Participation in Red Cross projects are a few of the activities in which the juniors took part.

November 28 was D-Day for some of the seniors. A task force of eleven invaded Chicago for the National Scholastic Press Conference which was held at the Conrad Hilton. Completing their mission, they cavorted around town attending stage shows, and eating at swank restaurants. (We did attend the conference, too . . . Ed.)

There was a Pilgrim forefather chaperoning at the Juniors' Thanksgiving Dance, but that didn't keep the students from dancing circles around him.

The Junior Red Cross had many active supporters.

Seated: M. A. Stachowski, T. Heinerich, T. Wojciechowski, M. Kuczwara, M. Nagy, (standing) R. Prebys, L. Makowski.

Father James Conroy, our retreat-master was nothing short of terrific. Practical and down-to-earth, he was a real inspiration to us all and we think of Father Conroy only as a real friend.

Then came the first snow. With a cold blast under our collars and snow on our shoes, we realized Christmas was just around the corner. The freshmen girls reminded us to put Christ back into Christmas as they sold handsome greeting cards. In addition we had a giant mail box for all student cards . . . Fee one T B Christmas Seal. Lighting the traditional advent wreath further put us into the "spirit."

Father James Conroy was always happy to talk to the students. We all felt quite at home with him.

Standing around Father Conroy are; left to right: M. L. Van Overberghe, S. Piasecki, R. Kwiecinski, R. Karmolinski, E. Trzybinski, J. Kwiatek.

Father Conroy is a true friend of the modern teenager.

"We're not just looking—we're buying. The sale of Christmas cards gave the girls some good selling experience.

Seated: J. Kosciuszkiewicz, J. Kusz. Standing left to right: E. Jankowski, J. Paczesny, H. Kolesiak, R. Glon.

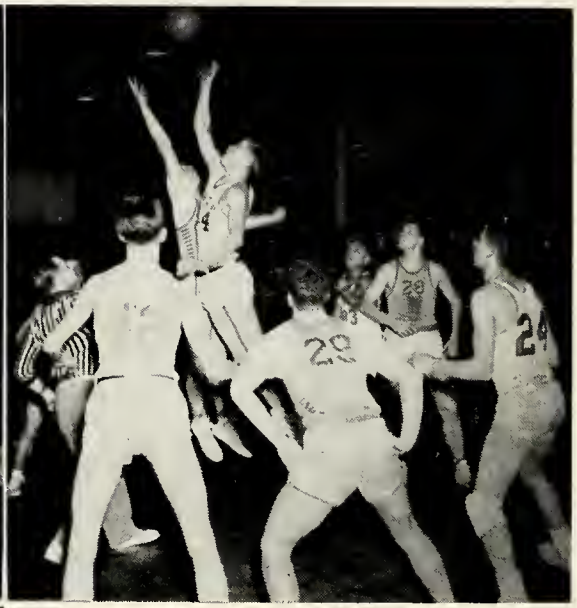
Joan Van Vynckt sang beautifully for our Christmas Cantata with the seniors providing a lush choral background.

The Cantata produced by the seniors was one of the outstanding stage productions at S. B. C. Dignity was the keynote of the entire presentation as the voices soared loftily to stratospheric heights in the majestic carols of the ages. This served as a rich musical background for the vividly portrayed "Boy on the Meadow."

The beautiful "stained-glass" window lent a lot of solemnity to the background of singing. Blessed Mother—D Jankowski.

"Why, Roschen! What has kept thee so long. Didst thou not know that the supper must be cooked?"

H. Kil (Roschen), L. Przybylinski (Grandmother), A. Van Goeye (Frau Marta), J. Pinter (Gretchen), L. Jankowski (Dort).



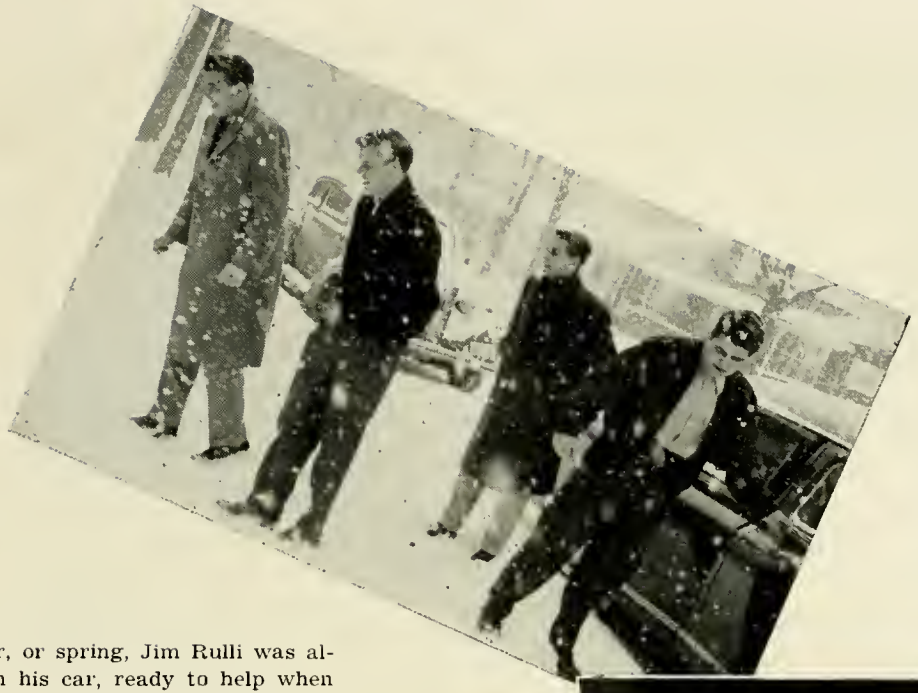
Coach Curran in a huddle with: J. Horth, T. Love (33), L. Varda (42) and J. Fischer.

Ken Tepe jumps for the ball. Looking on are L. Varda (42) and J. Fischer (24).

The reserves and the fans supplied the noise while the team made the baskets.

"Hoosier hysteria" reigned supreme at S.B.C. for the winter months. The Orphans, even though faced with lack of height, experience, and facilities, finished up the season with a commendable record—10 wins and 10 losses for a .500 average. The record—

Catholic High	45	Howe	48
Catholic High	41	St. Mary's Mich. City	55
Catholic High	57	Stillwell	35
Catholic High	54	New Carlisle	74
Catholic High	61	Edwardsburg	59
Catholic High	49	Bristol	46
Catholic High	35	Knox	62
Catholic High	56	Concordia	90
Catholic High	48	Morton	59
Catholic High	51	Bristol	52
Catholic High	47	St. Mary's Mich. City	43
Catholic High	65	St. Paul's	46
Catholic High	53	Grovertown	57
Catholic High	52	Culver Military	56
Catholic High	46	St. John's	57
Catholic High	54	Howe	56
Catholic High	67	Westville	64
Catholic High	49	Scott	47
Catholic High	65	St. Mary's Muskegon	62
Catholic High	53	Marion	38



In fall, winter, or spring, Jim Rulli was always there with his car, ready to help when needed. L Glon, E. Sobiech, F. Kasprzak, J. Rulli.

The underclassmen stop to chat on the corridor between classes. R. Glon, J. Horth.

At noon the kids gathered about the various games in their room. Here, the boys are enjoying a game of checkers. Left to right: H. Van Goeye, C. Grywczynski, J. Graczyk.

The committee for the Junior Dance watch excitedly as Jim Ruili and Virginia Kil are crowned the "King and Queen of Hearts."

Seated in foreground are: N. Cwidak and W. Klota. Standing left to right: C. Cako, C. Jurek, T. Wojciechowski, S. Matthys, T. Salata, M. A. Stachowski, A. Chelminiak, V. Williams, and A. Kovacs.

The band was jivey and so were the students at the Heart-Spin Dance.

To boost the magazine drive along, as each homeroom tried to bring in more subscriptions than the others, the winner for the day was given the sign shown in the picture and was allowed to keep "Jo-Jo"—the panda.

Standing left to right: V. Nowicki, E. Van Vynckt, L. Schubert, J. Sikorski, B. Jurek, P. Grzeskiewicz, E. Niemier, K. Maike.

Kneeling l. to r.: G. Burzynski, M. A. Paprocki, N. Goepfrich.

We suddenly felt a breeze blowing down the corridors. Once again Theophilus Nachowitz, the Woman's Home Companion, paid our school a visit. Though claiming never to have kissed the Blarney Stone, Theophilus supercharged us into selling $1457 worth of magazines.

Sister Ancilla's biology class started cutting up—cutting up nature, that is. (Joan DeCocq is asked to skip this paragraph). Starfish, worms, grasshoppers, frogs, and crawfish were disected so our young scientists could get a better look at "things."

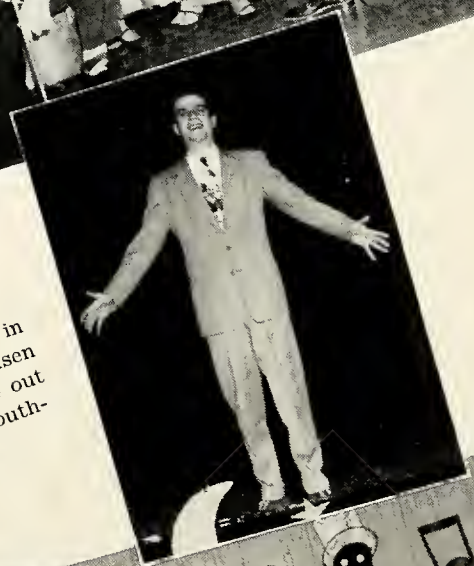
Theophilus Nachowitz speaks to the chairmen of the magazine drive. Seated left to right around the table are: T. Bystry, C. Lukasiak, V. Badowski, R. Grontkowski, A. Chelminiak, J. Mroczkiewicz, P. Grzeskiewicz, K. Weddel, D. Rogacki.

Standing left to right: M. F. Kapsa, Mr. Nachowitz, L. Jankowski, A. Gapczynski, B. Rogowski.

We could hear the lilting melodies of the music from Dixie when the Junior Class put on an old-fashioned minstrel show—with all the trimmin's. The audience spent a great deal of their time trying to figure out who it was, behind the black-face.

Standing: L. Horvath, R. M. Hagye, T. Wojciechowski, O. Arch, C. Cako, J. Szymkowiak, and A. Kovacs.

Kneeling are: J. Rzeszewski, and T. Salata.



Don Zyto, in typical Al Jolsen fashion, gave out with some Southland Blues.

Rose Marie Hagye recites a "poem." Can you find S. Lechtanski, L. Horvath, M. A. Stachowski, C. Jurek, M. Weddell, L. Makowski, J. Szymkowiak, T. Wojciechowski, S. Matthys, H. Michalski, R. Derda? ? Where's Rastus, Nikodemusu, and Tambone?

"Oh, here's Throckmorton with the cokes!"

"Please serve them on the east porch."

"Come on—everybody—you too, Mom."

"It's been a wonderful visit. I think I'd better be starting."

Goodbye, ... Throckmorton."

"Goodbye, Miss Lucinda! I enjoyed your cream puffs very much."

"Let me present the future Mrs. J. Caswell Drennen."

THE "DEAR PAPA" CAST OF ROOM 103

Standing: J. Badur, Mr. Yeats; L. Jankowski, Don Drennen; E. Sobiech, Dicky; (seated) V. Van Overberghe, Mrs. Carr; L. Glon, Mr. Carr; J. Karaszewski; Aunt Lucinda; T. Beczkiewicz, Mr. Drennen; L. Novinich, Laine Carr; M. A. Kazmierzak, Mrs. McDuffie; E. Chmiel, Liz; M. Markiewicz, Janet; M. A. Nowicki, Mickie; (in the foreground) M. Borkowski, George Carr; J. Pinter, Carol Ruth Carr.

While the seniors were rehearsing for their play, the minstrel show "Juniors in Revue" won the acclaim of the audiences for its sparkling and colorful execution. Then came the seniors claim to fame — "Dear Papa." Black Mike's pants (or should I say absence thereof) really stole the show. Too, the time that Uncle William fell off the wall before schedule lent some suspense to the plot. Then there was Virg V. O. who answered the door, when actually the telephone was ringing. Well, the smell of greasepaint and the glare of bright lights must have agreed with us for how we hated that closing curtain of the final performance.

THE CAST OF ROOM 106 IN "DEAR PAPA"

Seated: V. Hartwick, Mrs. Carr; N. Gapczynski, Mr. Carr; A. Adamski, Aunt Lucinda; E. Jankowski, Mrs. McDuffie; M. J. Schoen, Janet; A. Van Goeye, Laine Carr. **Standing:** P. Carroll, Carol Ruth Carr; F. Kasprzak, George Carr; J. Fischer, M. Dennen; J. Rulli, Mr. Yeates; C. Pajakowski, Mickie; R Karmolinski, Dicky; M. Lisiecki, Liz; R. Van Overberghe, Don Drennen.

The "Pre-Easter Parade" held March 26 exibited a colorful array of fashionable prep styles. The presentation of glamourous evening gowns served as a finale for the style show.

We were "bewitched, bothered, and bewildered" by Sgt. Carl Pike from Jackson, Michigan with his magic show. (Mike did you fix that leak in the ceiling of the stage, yet?)

Dr. Emlio Alba, internationally known lecturer, gave an interesting and highly informative talk on the conditions existing in the Phillipines and the world in general. In addition he gave us suggestions as to how we as individuals could improve these conditions.

The Junior-Senior Party opened with a side-splitting skit by the juniors followed by a movie. We then treked over to the Sunny Italy Cafe for a delicious chicken dinner complete with all the trimmings including strawberry shortcake. To end the perfect day we got hep to the hottest band this side of the Mason-Dixie Line.

Our May devotions honoring the Queen of that month are dear to the hearts of all the students, for our religious exercises play an intrinsic role in school life at S. B. C.

"My Lord and My God — bless me, always!" This is the prayer of every heart as Father Casey raises the monstrance in Benediction during May devotions.

Each day throughout the school year we dedicated fifteen minutes of our lunch hour to the recitation of the rosary.

"Evening in Paradise," the senior prom, was without a doubt the crowning social event of the year. Its arrival was proceeded by weeks of excited mumbo-jumbo about escorts, gowns, "tux-es", flowers, and "who's driving." The anxiety and preparations were climaxed on May 8, at the Indiana Club, as we soon fell under the spell of Tony Rulli's music. (Never before did we realize that we had such beautiful gals, and handsome fellas in our school.)

The King and Queen of the Prom.
Wanda Stankiewicz and Eugene Sobiech.

As Wanda's eyes filled with tears, she was crowned queen of the ball and Gene S., the king; (the two really made a swell couple). All the excitement ended much too quickly, though, for before we knew it, the band was playing "Good-night Sweetheart" and the Senior Prom of '53 was over.

The Prom Committee

Seated: J. Karaszewski.
Standing: F. Kasprzak, L. Glon, A. Van Gooye.

Tom Beczkiewicz and Virginia Van Overberghe, co-editors of our yearbook, were often seen running from room to room with books, papers, rulers, glue, and pictures in their hands as they worked feverishly to get the '53 Victorian assembled.

After months of planning and working, we, the Victorian staff, produced an annual of which we're mighty proud. This wasn't achieved, though, without a lot of hardship and headaches.

Remember when we were soliciting ads . . . how many times we got turned down . . . the long struggle over the dedication page . . . . the gluing of pictures, cutting proofs, writing copy . . . And we had some wonderful new additions to the book this year—padded covers, sheets of parchment, (we even managed to reduce advertising space). Of course, there was always that big bug called "expenses" staring us in the face. All these things cost money and that was something we didn't have very much of.

Now that it's over with, however, we think (and we hope you do, too) that it was worth the effort. The editors want to thank Sister Mary Amata, the staff and everyone who helped to make our book a success.

The staff did their share of the work and learned that getting a book printed and finished was no easy job.

Seated at the table, left to right: L. Novinich, J. Karaszewski, A. Van Goeye, A. Adamski, and A. Laskowski.

Standing, left to right: C. Pajakowski, J. Nafradi, H. Wojciechowski, V. Hartwick, M. Opoka, M. J. Schoen, M. A. Budny, and P. Carroll.

The co-editors of the Hi-Lite, Leonard Jankowski and Mary Ann Kazmierczak did a fine job of making the school paper light and cheerful. Each month the students were treated to a round-up of news and events.

The Hi-Lite staff with Sister Theophane, did a bang-up job this year. Just like the Victorian, the Hi-Lite required a great deal of work, as we are sure Sister Theophane can tell you. The staff learned a lot about syllabication and punctuation. They covered our activities well and were always ready and waiting for new ideas or suggestions. Consequently, it was no surprise that it was awarded a Certificate of Honor by the National Tuberculosis League and the Columbia Scholastic Press Association.

"Dear Sany Cvase" by Richard Karmolinski and Virg Hartwick is still remembered by all, for the warm and appealing manner in which it was written. But that is only one of the many fine articles that our paper contained. They always seemed to have the right words to convey the thought of the season. We say "Congratulations" to the Hi-Lite staff.

There was a lot of typing and proof-reading to be done in order to avoid errors in the paper, and this job was handled by the Hi-Lite staff.

Seated: H. Kil, D. Ciesielski, M. A. Nowicki, P. Kandzierski.

Standing: Left to Right, E. Chmiel, S. Boudreau, P. Milczynski, W. Stankiewicz, M. Markiewicz, M. A. Chrustowski, M. A. Shiprek, M. Opoka, D. Markowski, D. Jones.

Christine Pajakowski, our May Queen, carefully places a crown of flowers upon our Blessed Mother's head. This was the Virgin's special day of honor. Her attendants, Mary Jane Schoen and Virginia Van Overberghe knelt along with the Queen as the Act of Consecration was recited and each student dedicated "his eyes, his ears, his lips, his heart, his whole being without reserve."

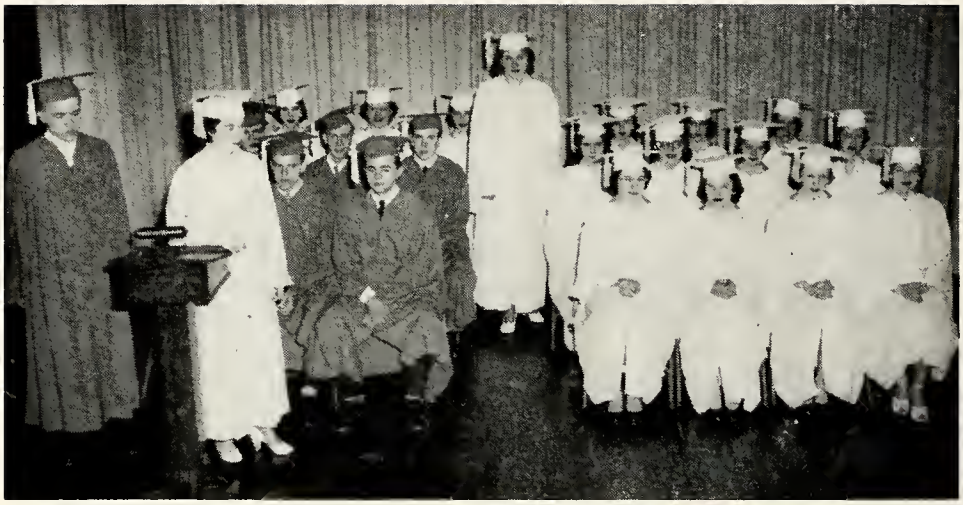
Virginia Van Overberghe spreads Christine Pajakowski's train as the Queen descends the steps of the altar after the crowning.

Then came the supreme event in the religious activities at S. B. C. — the May Crowning of Our Blessed Mother. The entire student body walked to St. Hedwig's Church reciting the rosary along the way. When they reached the church, they watched the May Queen, Christine Pajakowski, and her court come slowly down the aisle to the flower be-decked altar. Tina ascended the steps and the crown of flowers was handed to her. It was placed on our Mother's head while the strains of "O Mary, we crown Thee" filled the church. The Act of Consecration dedicated the school to the Immaculate Heart and Benediction closed the ceremony.

The Queen and her Court leave the church.

Lining the pews, left to right: M. A. Bukowski, D. Jones, L. Przybylinski, L. Novinich, D. Kuminecz, T. Gadacz, A. Van Goeye, M. Opoka, J. Nafradi A. Adamski.

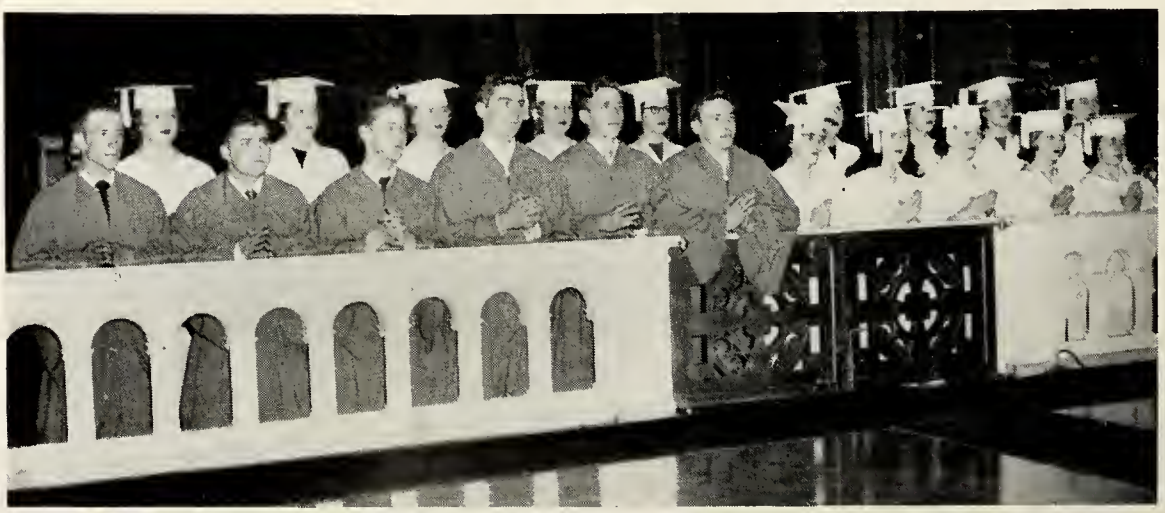
In center aisle front to back: P. Carroll, I. Van Vynckt, M. A. Nowicki, S. Piasecki, M. J. Schoen, V. Van Overberghe, C. Pajakowski, Queen.



The valedictorian, Virginia Van Overberghe, leaves the speaker's stand as the salutatorian, Mary Jane Schoen, approaches. The Master of Ceremonies, Tom Beczkiewicz (who is also an honor student), conducts the exercises on Class Day.

Shown, first row: E. Sobiech, R. Kindt, M. Nowicki, J. Karaszewski, P. Kandzierski, P. Carroll. Second row: L. Glon, D. Widawski, D. Stevens, A. Van Goeye, D. Kuminecz, M. A. Budny, V. Hartwick. Third row: R. Rozycki, M. A. Chrustowski, M. A. Bukowski, A. Adamski, M. Lisecki, D. Jones.

Our school-year was coming to a close and as the last words of the valedictory address were read, the seniors realized that only a few pages were left to be filled in their book of high school memories. In the Class Will we left our estates to the juniors and in our class prophesy we delved into the future and, needless to say, we were a bit amazed. Awards were given to the various deserving students and the applause rang loud and clear for each and every one of them. In deep appreciation for the educational accomplishments of the Sisters of the Resurrection in South Bend Catholic High, the Seniors of the Class of 1953 placed a amemorial in the Hall of Fame of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, Washington, D.C.



The class of '53 lined the Communion rail at the Graduation Day Mass.

Front row: L. Jankowski, J. Rulli, F. Kasprzak, E. Fischer, R. Van Overberghe, R. Karmolinski, T. Gadacz, S. Piasecki, K. Weddel, H. Kil, I. Van Vynckt.

Back row: D. Markowski, M. A. Shiprek, P. Milczynski, W. Stankiewicz, E. Jankowski, J. Meuleman, J. Kendziorski, H. Wojciechowski, A. Laskowski.

The graduates receive their diplomas, Leonard Jankowski, James Rulli and Frank Kasprzak.

The big day was drawing near . . . on May 22, the seniors had a day cfrecollection, conducted by Reverend John Van Wolvlear, C.S.C.

Graduataion Day, May 24. In our caps and gowns we occupied the front pews of St. Hedwig's Church at nine o'clock for the Baccalaureate Mass.

And then at three o'clock in the afternoon, the strains of "Pomp and Circumstance" swelled as we entered the church for our graduation—the last time we were together as a class. We thought of the good times we've had together—the assemblies and plays, the parties and proms. We thought of our teachers who helped us through these four years and we thought of the future and what it had in store for us. It should have been a happy occasion but we were sad at the thought of leaving our friends. But all things must end, and with our diplomas in our hands, we waved a fond farewell . . . to the joys . . . to the sorrows . . . to our teachers . . . . to our friends . . . to everything that was a part of our life at South Bend Catholic High.

—T. B.

Rev. CHESTER SOLETA, C.S.C.

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Commencement Speaker

The ceremony is over and the graduates gather outside St. Hedwig Church.

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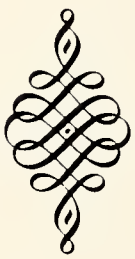

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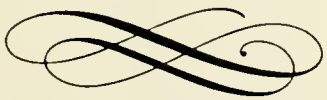

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